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TOKYO, Jan. 4 (Wednesday).—The U. S. State Department has issued a directive saying that the fall of Formosa is "widely anticipated," it was learned today. The document admitted that no amount of aid by the U. S. to the Kuomintang could hold Formosa. The directive was prepared by the State Department's Public Affairs area policy advisory staff. It was dated Dec. 23.

The State Department's about-face said that it was a "mistaken popular conception" that Formosa was of "strategic importance to U. S. defense in the Pacific." It ascribed this "mistaken popular conception" to pro-Kuomintang persons in the United States who "consider Formosa a redoubt" in which the Kuomintang could survive, and "who tend to create an impression that the U. S. is delinquent if it fails to 'save' Formosa."

The State Department document was contradictory. While it said "false impressions" of the island's military value should be countered, it then declared: "there has been an insistent demand from a few sources for military action by the U. S., but it has not assumed significant proportions."

The directive declared that another "false impression" to be countered was that the loss of Formosa would threaten loss of U. S. prestige "to the extent to which we have become committed in the public mind to hold it."

"Formosa has no special military significance," the document said. It is strictly a Chinese affair.

In stating that no amount of aid to the Kuomintang short of war could hold Formosa, the State Department said:

"In areas of insistent demand for U. S. action, particularly in the United States itself, we should occasionally make clear that in seeking U. S. bases on Formosa, sending troops, supplying arms, dispatching naval units or taking similar action would:

"(A) Accomplish no material good for China or its Nationalist regime.

"(B) Involve the U. S. in a long term venture producing at best a new area of bristling stalemate and at worst possible involvement in open warfare."

The document was addressed to State Department personnel and made available also to officials of some other government departments. It cautioned those receiving it to avoid

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Congress Opens:

MARC ASKS DRIVE FOR FEPC BILL

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The second session of the 81st Congress will repeat the sellout pattern of the first session unless the people back home make their voices heard, Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY), said today.

The crusading progressive Congressman from Manhattan's 18th District was interviewed in his office a few minutes after the House recessed its first brief gathering of the second session. He took a sober but not pessimistic view of the prospects for progressive legislation.

Enactment of civil rights bills at this session is possible, he said, provided the people do not rely on the administration or on the GOP high command to do the job.

"The administration is not going to make any real fight, that's already indicated," Marcantonio said. But the NAACP march on Washington in mid-January may compel congressional action, particularly if it is followed up by local activity and educational work, he believed.

FEPC FIGHT

"The basis of all civil rights legislation," he stressed, "is fair employment practices. The fight for FEPC should be taken up at once in the House without waiting for the Senate to act. Twenty-one days have now elapsed since the House Labor Committee reported the Powell FEPC bill, and there is no reason why the chairman of that committee should not call up the bill at once."

(House speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex)

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Appeal of '11' To Be Argued During June

By Harry Raymond

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday ordered the 11 Communist leaders to file briefs not later than May 1 in their appeal against their conviction of conspiring to teach and advocate "violent overthrow" of the government.

Argument on the appeal, Judge Learned Hand announced, would be heard during the week of June 5 or that of June 12. The prosecution's brief, the court ruled, must be filed by June 1.

Defense attorney A. J. Isserman asked the three-man panel of appeals judges to set Aug. 1 as the date for filing the appeal brief and the printed record of the nine-months trial.

He pointed out that the printers stated it would take four months to complete printing of the record. He said attorneys, working full time on preparation of the appeal, should be given until August to complete their study of the record and the numerous exhibits and evidence.

JUDGE IS 'SHOCKED'

Judge Thomas Swan interrupted Isserman, stating it was "shocking that the appeal cannot be brought in less than a year."

Isserman replied that if the court set Aug. 1 as the deadline the appeal would therefore be before the court in "less than a year."

"My position is bring it on before June," said Judge Swan.

Assistant Prosecutor Frank S. Gordon asked the court to set April 10 as the headline.

Judge Hand conferred with Judge Charles E. Clark and announced: "All agree it will have to be argued during this term of court."

He told counsel that in writing

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Trenton Judge Gets Delay in Lawyers' Suit

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 3.—Mercer County Judge Charles Hutchinson obtained a two-week delay until Jan. 16 in the suit to compel him to permit three defense lawyers for the Trenton Six to continue the defense of the framed Negroes.

The case came up in Federal court today before Judge Philip Forman, but was recessed until Jan. 16 at the request of Judge Hutchinson, who said he needed more time to prepare his case.

Hutchinson last month barred William F. Patterson, executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress; O. John Rogge and Emanuel Bloch as defense attorneys for the Trenton Six. The three lawyers promptly sued for reinstatement.

The New Jersey Supreme Court, in reversing the conviction of the Trenton Six, sharply criticized Hutchinson.

Hutchinson's representative before Judge Forman was George Gilday, of the Mercer County Bar Association, who asked leave to file a brief amicus curiae. Also present was the president of the State Bar Association, Miss Emma

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Sen. Lehman Not Talking Much Now

LEHMAN

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. — Sen. Herbert Lehman (D-NY) who had much to say on all issues during his successful election campaign, today didn't have much to say about anything until "he studied the question."

The 70-year-old Senate freshman met Capitol reporters for the first time several hours after he had been sworn in by Vice President Alben Barkley. He said he was for development of the St. Lawrence Waterway Project, more housing, adequate medical care.

"Are you very concerned with the spread of communism in the Far East?" A reporter asked. Oh yes, Lehman replied. He was very concerned with that wherever it is. "I hate communism, and also fascism," he said.

He said he favored the Marshall plan and a strong Atlantic pact setup, but "when it comes to the question of the Far East I need more information."

"How about Spain?" another reporter asked.

"I need more information on that question," Lehman said.

He went on to state his hope that "every effort will be made to repeal the Taft-Hartley Law." He added that he didn't know enough about congressional procedures to know the chances for repeal of the act.

"What are your views about the failure of the denazification program in Germany?" asked a reporter.

"I don't feel that I have enough information at my disposal to express an opinion," he explained.

2nd Session On; Dems Stand Pat On Record of 1st

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—As the second session of the 81st Congress opened today, Administration leaders indicated they were resting on the first session's do-nothing record.

Emerging from the White House after a conference with President Truman, Senate majority leader Scott Lucas (D-Ill) and House speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) showered fulsome praise on the work of the last session and made no prediction about the legislation slated in this half.

"We did a pretty good job last session," Lucas told reporters.

"The President's program fared very well," Rayburn echoed.

Rayburn, in an attempt to blunt some of the Republican criticism against the administration, said expansively: "It looks like the country is in pretty good shape. Even Wall Street doesn't seem to have much jitters. We had a wonderful year, and I'm looking forward to another good one."

It was on this note that Democratic leaders reconvened Congress in the renovated House and Senate chambers. The Senate, after swearing in three new Senators and eulogizing the late Sen. Clyde Reed (R-Kan) closed shop in less than an hour. The House kept going for several hours.

MARK TIME

Both Chambers marked time until President Truman appears before them at 1 p. m. tomorrow to

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Militarizing The Factories

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Millions of the nation's industrial workers have been practically drafted into the armed forces without knowing it. By surreptitiously setting up a system of police spies to examine the past and present life of every worker slated to work on war production, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson has, in effect, placed the workers under strict military rule.

This the Daily Worker determined after examining the latest set of regulations promulgated by the national military establishment and after talking to numerous military officials in the Pentagon and Navy building.

Cornerstone of Johnson's plan to straitjacket American workers is a "criteria" conceived to "deny access to classified military information." Workers in every manufacturing plant producing any kind of material that can be used by the armed forces are investigated against this "criteria."

The "criteria" says that access to military information classified confidential or higher will be denied individuals who are treasonous or seditious, employed by or subject to the influence of a foreign government, has advocated or supported overthrowing the U. S. Government by force and violence, has disclosed secret military information, is "mentally or emotionally unstable," and who is or has been a member of an organization on the Attorney General's list of "subversive" organizations.

The six regulations amount to a combination of old law, portions of the Smith Act, and sections of the Mundt Bill which was defeated in the 80th Congress and is now in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

With this combination, Johnson has given himself the power to declare who shall work in industry. He utilizes the power through the awarding of military contracts.

After his police spies report that an individual worker shall be denied "access to military information," Johnson can refuse a contract to a company and can deny the company an opportunity even to bid on a contract unless the company gets rid of the individual.

The Army-Navy-Air Force Personnel Security Board, operated under the provost marshall of the Army, is delegated to grant or deny clearance to military contractors. An industrial Employment Review Board, under the Munitions Board, hears appeals from their decisions.

Both these boards are bound by Johnson's criteria. The FBI, military intelligence units, stoolpigeons and industrial plant police upon whom the Personnel Security Board relies for it information base their efforts on Johnson's criteria.

'SEDITION'

The first of these says that an individual shall be denied access to classified military information when it is found that he "has committed acts of treason or sedition." Munitions board officials, most of them high priced executives from the nation's largest monopolies, still consider strikes "seditious."

Whether they would consider strike leaders "seditious" or not has yet to be determined. The fact that the regulations give police spies and military boards authority to decide, without benefit of law or courts, whether "sedition" has been committed makes it appear

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In This Weekend's Worker—

NEGROES FIGHT TO PRESERVE OWN STANDARDS OF BEAUTY

By Abner W. Berry

Editor, Harlem Edition

'Life' Slurs Negro in Mid-Century Issue

By Robert Friedman

A photo of four Negroes shooting dice and a reference to a dance described as the "N—r Itch"—those sum up the treatment of the 15,000,000 American Negroes in the pretentiously-titled "Mid-Century Issue" of Henry Luce's Life magazine.

The special issue, according to the magazine's Jan. 2, 1950 cover, gives us "American Life and Times, 1900-1950." Pictures, cartoons, old prints and advertisements were gathered together with, the editors assure us, a "staggering amount of research."

Now, we (and, we are confident, most Americans) would assume that no survey of American life and times for the last 50 years could ignore the key social issue of Jimcrow, the ghettoes, the lynchings, the Scottsboro case, and the positive feature of Negro life in these United States—the civil rights struggle; the Negro in labor; outstanding Negro artists, writers, musicians, scientists, politicians.

As a matter of fact, Life magazine has been known to emphasize that "Negroes Are Americans." For instance, last August, when, in an editorial under that heading, it boasted that Negro Americans wouldn't follow the "pro-Communist propaganda of Paul Robeson."

CONTRADICTS ITSELF

At that time, with divisive hypocrisy, Life reprinted in full the anti-Communist remarks of Jackie Robinson, Negro baseball star, including his sharp attacks on Jimcrow.

But, as the "Mid-century Issue" shows, Life is interested in the Negro only to the extent of blocking any united struggle for his freedom. For this 50-year issue of Life, Negroes distinctly are NOT Americans.

Life runs a full-length "glamor" picture of Herbert Hoover, which makes the dean of tories look like a slightly more mature Clark Gable. But no picture of Dr. William E. B. DuBois, great Negro scholar-historian. The magazine runs a picture of the aging sportsmen, Jack Dempsey, Bobby Jones and Red Grange. But no Joe Louis, Satchel Paige, Henry Armstrong . . . or Jackie Robinson.

There's a page of photos of Goering's buddy, Charles Lindbergh. But where is Paul Robeson, Dr. Ralph Bunche, Marian Anderson, Langston Hughes, or Bill Robinson. There's a technicolor photo, full-page, of Glover Whalen, swathed in ticker-tape. But no Scottsboro Boys, Angelo Herndon or the Trenton Six.

If Life magazine has failed to present the Negro people in accurate focus in this mid-century issue, however, it has, with unerring instinct, given us a true picture of the real Henry Luce, big business attitude toward Negro America.

A chauvinist photo of four Negroes shooting dice and the use of a vile, contemptuous, chauvinistic

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MARCANTONIO HITS JIMCROW AT CITY HALL

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, ALP state chairman, yesterday condemned Mayor O'Dwyer for "his deliberate failure to appoint a single Negro to any of the top 58 city positions he filled on New Year's day."

"The very first official act of Mayor O'Dwyer in his new term of office," said Marcantonio, "is the issuance of a shocking Jimcrow list of 58 appointments.

"He thus confirms the public charge I made during the recent mayoralty campaign that not one high city position out of 58 was then filled by a Negro.

"Since my charge, Mr. O'Dwyer has reshuffled the list of clubhouse seat warmers. But, he has not seen fit to change in the slightest degree his shameful practice of barring Negroes from appointments by him to any of these posts. The procedure smacks of the same cynical maneuvers played by the Truman administration in betraying the pledges of full civil rights to the Negro people.

"The right of the Negro people to hold public office, elective and appointive, on every level of city, state and federal government is an essential part of the fight for full equality.

"In announcing his lily-white appointments, Mr. O'Dwyer magnanimously declared that the election is over and he 'forgives' his election opponents. Our reply is that we cannot and will not forgive his indefensible policy of Jimcrow appointments, and that we will continue our uncompromising fight for full equality of rights for the Negro people."

U. S. Orders Hungary Close Consulates Here

BUDAPEST, Jan. 3.—The United States today ordered the Hungarian people's government to close its consulates in New York and Cleveland by Jan. 15. The order, it was stated, was in retaliation for the recent arrest by Hungary of Robert E. Vogeler, as a spy and saboteur.

U.S. Minister Nathaniel P. Davis handed a note to the Hungarian foreign office here ordering the closing of the consulates and said the U.S. was prepared to take more drastic action. An identical note was handed to the Hungarian legation in Washington.

The New York and Cleveland consulates are the only ones Hungary has maintained in the United States outside of Washington.

Vogeler is assistant vice-president of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., and its central European representative.

The U. S. note charged that Hungary, in the case of Vogeler, had failed to abide by its obligations under the treaty of friendship with America.

On Christmas eve Hungary brusquely rejected the U. S. demand for Vogeler's immediate release and accused the Americans and British of attempting to defend spies.

Egg Farmers Ask Gov't Sell Grain Cheaper

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 3.—Representatives of New Jersey's poultry farmers, meeting in Lakewood, urged the Government to release enough of its grain at a price to establish an egg-feed ratio equivalent to 90 percent of parity.

The state-wide meeting, which included 300 farmers' representatives, from practically every major egg-producing area in the state, was the culmination of mass meeting in Vineland, Toms River, Farmingdale, Hightown, New Brunswick and Frenchtown, at which poultry farmers had expressed their demand for equal parity with the so-called basics, now guaranteed supports at 90 percent of parity under the Agricultural Act of 1949.

The newly-formed New Jersey Poultry Farmers Committee will prepare a draft for legislation to be introduced in Congress.

The farmers also agreed to accept a possible 5 percent reduction in New Jersey egg production, based on 1949 figures, and the legislation will propose that government feed grains be released to each cooperating state in such amounts as to effectuate such a reduction.

Joel Jacobson, director of education for the New Jersey CIO, offered the support of his organization. He commended the meeting for a program which would permit egg prices to seek lower levels in the retail markets, thus assuring higher consumption.

Say ILG Local 22 Violates Constitution

Business agents of AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Local 22 were charged yesterday with violating the union constitution by making collections in the shops for the election campaign of the administration group. The charge was made by the Dressmakers Rank and File group.

The Rank and File stated that the collections were being made in a manner which left the "false impression that they are doing it as part of their official union business." Dressmakers were urged to "insist on their constitutional rights and refuse to contribute under such 'subtle' pressure."

Yugoslavs in Israel Rap Tito

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (Telepress).—Members, candidates and sympathizers of the Yugoslav Communist Party who arrived in Israel during this year, issued a proclamation in Tel Aviv fully supporting the Cominform resolution condemning the fascist Tito regime.

The proclamation, which was signed by the members of the Yugoslav Communist Party living in Israel, states that all who signed the resolution witnessed how the best Yugoslav Communists were being arrested and imprisoned, how party members of long standing, organizers of the national resistance, soldiers and officers of the national liberation army and the workers who were building a new country on the ruins of the old Yugoslavia were being arrested, imprisoned and many killed only because they remained faithful to the principles of proletarian internationalism, and supported the constructive criticism of the fraternal Communist parties.

George Morris' World of Labor, a column reporting and interpreting the news in the labor movement, appears daily in the Daily Worker, and in the weekend Worker.

Ban 2 Argentine CP Papers

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Jan. 3 (UP).—The Communist publication Orientacion was closed today by the joint congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities.

Orientacion occupies the same premises as La Hora, Communist daily closed by the committee yesterday.

The committee also impounded the books of the Argentine news agency Saporiti which provides news services to some newspapers and radio stations in the country. A police guard was posted at the agency's premises in Roque Saens Pena Ave.

Illinois Mine Strikers To Return Monday

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 3.—Some 15,500 coal miners went on a strike in Illinois and Indiana today, but United Mine Workers officials promptly ordered a return to work effective next Monday.

The diggers, most of them in Illinois, quit work as other soft coal miners in the big eastern fields returned without incident from a five-day New Year's holiday.

Four hours after the strike began, Hugh A. White, president of UMW District 12, embracing Illinois, instructed local officials to resume the union's current three-day work week Jan. 9.

Since the New Year holiday had chopped one day off this week's work schedule, the strike meant a loss of two days' production at affected mines.

White's order did not cover some 300 miners who struck at the Viking mine at Terre Haute, Ind., but they were expected to go back to work also. Other mines in Indiana were reported working normally.

UMW Chief John L. Lewis was in Springfield visiting his aged and ailing mother, but he declined to comment on the walkout.

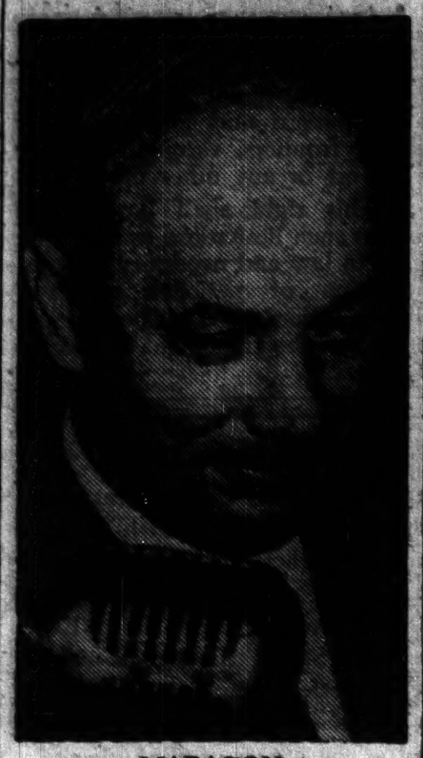
White said UMW officials had learned of the strike from press dispatches, and that it was "an entirely voluntary" action on the part of the miners.

Individual strikers in Illinois said they quit because they wanted the same new contracts signed by the UMW with some Illinois miners for a 95 cents a day wage boost and a 15 cents a ton increase in welfare fund contributions.

A survey showed that all but 2,000 to 3,000 of Illinois' 18,000 "digging" miners joined the walkout. Those who worked were largely employes of mines which have signed new contracts.

Miners were reported working normally in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Alabama.

Indict Maragon For Perjury In 5% Probe



MARAGON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (UP).—Dapper John Maragon, who once boasted easy access to the White House, was indicted by a Federal grand jury today on charges of lying to Senate investigators.

Maragon, pal of Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, was indicted on four counts of perjury arising from the Senate investigation of "influence peddlers."

Meanwhile three high capital officials denied a published report that they received "very fancy radios" for Christmas from David A. Bennett, Verley Company official who previously admitted gifts of deep freeze units to government bigwigs.

Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, presidential secretary Matthew Connelly and Gov. James K. Vardaman of the Federal Reserve Board said flatly the story was "untrue." Mrs. James Helm, Mrs. Truman's secretary, said she "did not know anything about" a radio which Mrs. Truman was reported to have received.

Houston CRC Hits Immigration Service

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 3.—The Civil Rights Congress chapter here has passed a resolution denouncing the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service for hounding Kurt and Steffi Wittenberg, anti-Nazi refugees, who are seeking to return to Germany. It also attacked the Department of Justice and the judges for trying to make stoolpigeons out of leaders of labor organizations here in connection with the case. It also condemned the sentencing of James J. Green, leader of the Texas Communist Party, for contempt because he refused to be an informer.

Judges Weigh James Wilson's Freedom Plea

A decision as to whether or not James Wilson, Negro fugitive, will be returned to a South Carolina chain gang was yesterday reserved by five judges of the state Appellate Division.

Arguing for the freedom of Wilson, who was arrested at the home of relatives here last May, was Abraham Unger, retained by the Bronx Civil Rights Congress.

Unger pointed out yesterday that Wilson time and again suffered brutal whippings by prison guards, and that he escaped the camp under threat of a whipping. Wilson charged that he was denied counsel after he had slain a man who molested his wife.

The Bronx District Attorney's office submitted a brief to the court yesterday which held that the Appellate Division has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Tornadoes Hit Midwest

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (UP).—Tornadoes and a raging blizzard lashed the mid-continent today in the wake of bad holiday weather which helped hold the accidental death toll to 401.

Casualties for the three-day New Year's holiday were far under the 611 lives lost in Christmas accidents. Safety officials believed generally bad weather over the nation helped discourage travel and keep New Year's casualties relatively lower.

As the holiday ended, blowing snow and bitter cold swept across the Dakotas and Great Plains states and tornadic winds bore down on St. Louis County, Mo.

Twisters struck in the Spanish Lake district of St. Louis county and then skipped across the Mississippi River to Hartford and Roxana, Ill.

To Hunt Old Fish

LONDON, Jan. 3 (UP).—Three British scientists will leave here for South African waters next week to search for a 50,000,000-year-old species of fish.

R. I. Currie, T. J. Harte and R. Clark will sail to look for the Latimeria, a rare fish believed to have lived as long as 500,000 centuries ago.

Until 1938 the Latimeria was believed to be extinct, but a trawler caught one that year off east London, South Africa.

Memo to the Reader

By ALAN MAX
Managing Editor

"I have just read the standings in the Worker subscription drive," writes George Sandy of Indiana, "and observe that Connecticut is no longer in front of us Hoosiers. I also note that we are rapidly closing in on New Jersey which is still in first place. We're trying to be first in the nation. But it goes without saying that we don't want to be first through other states defaulting and so we wish New Jersey the utmost of success in their battle of subscriptions."

One of the leaders of the Corona (Queens) section of the Communist Party, a Negro woman, who serves as section press director, has already obtained eight subs herself in the shop where she works. "She is giving leadership by example," they say of her.

Queens, by the way, has reached a third of its quota. In the Rego Park area, these clubs are close to the 100 percent mark: Maspeth, Middle Village and Ridgewood. In the Sunnyside area, Long Island City leaders with 70 percent, with the Joe Hill Club, Celtics and Matthew Flats close behind. Queens plans to get an additional 200 subs (meaning 700 in all) by this Friday night and a county-wide mobilization for Sunday is planned with the 70 percent mark in mind.

Today's POINT of ORDER

The aggressive intentions of the Chinese Communists have never been more clearly shown than in their desire to detach Formosa from the United States.

Hainan Guerillas Fight Kuomintang

TAIPEH, Formosa, Jan. 3.—The Kuomintang "premier," Yen Hsi-shan, admitted today that there are 20,000 people's guerrilas fighting on Hainan Island, the island off China's southern coast.

Yen boasted that Kuomintang airplanes had showed "New Year's presents" on the Luichow Peninsula and on Kunming in five air raids in which, he declared, 700 were killed.

He said the Kuomintang plans to smuggle "military advisers" and ammunition to disruptive forces on the Chinese mainland, which would seek to hamper transportation and attack food stockpiles of the People's Republic.

Yen declined comment on China's financial problems or the questions of possible U. S. aid and current talks in Washington on the future of Formosa, saying he preferred to "wait until rumors become facts."

A call for World War III to "fight Communism" was issued here today through the mouth of what Kuomintang publicity men said was the "living Buddha," named Changchia Hutukhtu, who had fled here from Inner Mongolia.

State Dep't Tells UN Group To Forget Labor's Rights

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 3.—The State Department today proposed that United Nations Human Rights Commission put aside suggested additions to the UN Human Rights Charter, which would guarantee the rights of labor and women.

Instead, it presented a hypocritical plan on "freedom of information" for action by the commission at its meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, on March 27.

The proposals on labor and women were made by the Soviet Union and Australia.

In essence, these proposals would guarantee equal rights for women, the right to rest and leisure, decent living accommodations, access to education for all, as well as trade union rights; the right to strike, participation by trade unions in determination of economic and social legislation, and the promise of universal Social Security and social insurance.

"The United States believes," said the letter to Lie, which was dispatched by Secretary of State Dean Acheson, "that the drafting of articles dealing with the types of subjects covered in many of the Australian and USSR proposals should be undertaken only after the most careful consideration and the fullest possible exploration, especially in the light of the differing levels of economic and social development attained or attainable in each of the member states, of what provisions can, with any degree of feasibility and efficacy, be included in such agreements. Such consideration and exploration will take considerable time.

"The commission has already devoted several years to the development of the article in the draft covenant. To undertake, at this time, the consideration, exploration and drafting of articles dealing with many of the (these) subject matters . . . would . . . hamper the completion of the covenant at the next session of the commission.

The U. S. proposal on freedom of information reads:

• Everyone shall have the right to be free from governmental interference to hold opinions, to seek, receive and impart information, opinions and ideas, regardless of frontiers, through speech, press, art or any other media.

• This right shall be subject only to such limitations as are pursuant to law and necessary for the protection of national security, public order, safety, health or morals, or the rights and freedoms of others."

O'Dwyer Backs Budget-Slicing Probe of City Dep'ts

By Michael Singer

Mayor O'Dwyer yeterday gave his support to a budget-slicing survey of all municipal departments and agencies announced by Deputy Mayor William Reid. Reid, on his first day in his new job, told reporters he was launching the survey to increase "efficiency."

He made it clear that the "efficiency" he is after would be at the expense of the financial needs of every city department. The results of the survey will be reflected in the 1950-51 expense budget which will be submitted at the end of February.

Reid will be aided in the investigation by his two new assistants, $15,000 a year G. Joseph Minetti, executive assistant, and $12,000 a year Solomon Klein, second deputy mayor. If the investigation follows the procedures used by Reid as board of transportation chairman, it will pare expenses to the bone.

SEE SCHOOL CUTS

An indication of this "economy" drive was Reid's conference with Board of Education president Maximillian Moss, whose department has the largest city budget and needs increased funds for teacher salary raises and expanded school services. School observers saw an ominous portent in the fact that Reid held his first budget-paring talk with the school department.

O'Dwyer made no comment on the Jan. 16 relief cuts but said he had conferred with Welfare Commissioner Raymond Hilliard after arriving from his Florida honeymoon and that he would confer with Hilliard again today.

Before the press talk in a surprise move ODwyer picked up the option of Philip Zichello, former Borough of Works Commissioner under Hugo Rogers who was not reappointed by the new Manhattan borough president, Robert F. Wagner, Jr. O'Dwyer put Zichello in the Tammany lineup as Deputy Commissioner of Hospitals at a $9,000 annual salary. He had been receiving $12,000 in his former position.

Zichello is known to be a follower of Frank X. Mancuso, Tammany district leader and erstwhile O'Dwyer foe, who now apparently is back in the good graces of the Mayor.

Bronx Youths Ask Parley on Cop Brutality

The Bronx Youth Council Against Discrimination yesterday asked for a conference with Mayor O'Dwyer for 20 youth leaders on Jan. 13 to seek justice in numerous cases of police brutality against Negro citizens.

In a letter to O'Dwyer the Council recently made permanent by the decision of 15 sponsoring organizations, cited the killing of George Westray in the Lincoln Hospital, and of Charles Phifer, young veteran.

The letter relates how in October, the Mayor's office referred a Council delegation to Commissioner of Investigations Murtagh, who refused to investigate the Westray killing "until we produced witnesses to a closed hearing."

"We fully explained that while this was possible, the witnesses had been so intimidated by the Police that they feared this type of hearing." An open hearing was refused.

The Council now has hundreds of names on petitions to O'Dwyer demanding justice in the cases. It is seeking the appointment with the Mayor to present them to him.

Among the sponsoring groups are the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Hadassah, and the Jewish Young Fraternalists.

Unity Slate Wins 2½ to 1 in TWU Local 101

The Unity slate, headed by President John Lopez, was reelected last week in CIO Transport Workers Union Local 101 over an opposition slate backed by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists. Lopez' slate was swept into office by a 2½ to one margin in the local of utility workers.

The local is an autonomous group within the TWU. Its delegates at the last TWU convention in Chicago put up a strong battle for autonomy and finally won their fight.

Lopez received 1,981 votes to 851 for Stanley Lowkis. Secretary-treasurer Frank Sheehan received 2,083 to 743 for Joseph Barry, and similar margins were chalked up for the rest of the slate which consisted of Michael Craper for first vice president, Edna Van Benthuysen for second vice president, and Edward Dundy for recording secretary.

APPLICATIONS FOR BRONX PROJECT

Applications for apartments in Bronx River Houses are now being distributed, it was announced by Thomas F. Farrell, chairman of the New York City Housing Authority. Bronx River Houses, which will have 1,246 apartments upon completion, occupies the area bounded by Bronx River Avenue, Cross Bronx Expressway, Harrod Avenue, and East 174 Street, the Bronx. The first apartments are scheduled to be ready for occupancy in April.

Application blanks will be available at the Authority's Applications Office, 2 Frankfort St., and at the offices of all Authority projects now in operation. They can also be obtained, this week only, at the Bronx River Houses construction office, 174 Street and Morrison Avenue. Application blanks will not be available at the Bronx Borough Hall.

Income limits range up to $3,024 for non-veteran families and $4,032 for veterans depending on the size of the family.

Victor Surrenders In Record War

The bitter speed war in the record industry ended today when RCA-Victor announced it would start turning out long-playing records about March 1.

The company reportedly was forced to end its long and solitary holdout because of the restiveness of its classical artists, due to the tremendous sales of long playing 33 1-3 rpm records in the classical field.

The LP records have proved especially popular among lovers of classical music because they eliminate the necessity for record changing.

The speed war, which has played havoc in both the record and phonograph industries, began almost a year ago when RCA-Victor introduced its new 45 rpm record, in competition with the long-playing record introduced in the fall of 1948 by Columbia Records. The chief problem was that the 45, the long playing and the standard 78 rpm records all required different phonographs, or a phonograph that could be adjusted to different speeds.

Judge Denies Gubitchev Plea

A defense request to subpoena Secretary of State Dean Acheson to explain the diplomatic standing of Soviet United Nations employe Valentin Gubitchev was denied yesterday by Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan.

Ryan turned down the request of Gubitchev's lawyer, Abraham L. Pomerantz, during a pre-trial hearing in the espionage conspiracy case of Gubitchev and Judith Coplon, former government employe.

The move followed the presentation of a letter from Acheson reiterating his position that the Russian "has never been accepted by the Department of State as a diplomatic representative of the Soviet Government."

Gubitchev has maintained that he does not have to stand trial here because he has diplomatic immunity.

Earlier, complete records of FBI wire-taps on the Washington home of Miss Coplon were submitted to Judge Ryan. The records were in six bulging manila envelopes. They contained both written reports and disc recordings of phone conversations between December, 1948 and March 4, 1949.

Ryan said he would study the records in connection with attempts of Miss Coplon's attorney, Archibald Palmer, to have the New York case against her quashed on grounds it was founded on illegal evidence.

Indict Doctor in 'Mercy' Slaying

MANCHESTER, N. H., Jan. 3 (UP).—A Grand Jury today indicted Dr. Hermann N. Sander on a first degree murder charge in the "mercy death" of a woman cancer patient.

He will be arraigned in Superior Court Thursday. There was no indication of when the case will come to trial.

Conviction on a charge of first degree murder carries an automatic sentence of life imprisonment in New Hampshire unless the jury recommends hanging. However, the presiding judge can give the jury an opportunity to act on a lesser charge, such as second degree murder or manslaughter.

Dr. Sander, accused of killing a patient by injecting air into her veins, learned of the indictment at his office. He had nothing to say about the action, and his attorneys said he would have no comment tonight.

Truman Asks Rent Rule Extension

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—President Truman today asked congressional housing leaders to extend rent controls another year so organized labor could not ask a new round of wage demands.

The President gave his views during a 40-minute conference with Sen. Burnet R. Maybank (D-SC), and Rep. Brent Spence (D-Ky), chairmen, respectively, of the Senate and House Banking Committees, and Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala), chairman of a Senate banking subcommittee on housing.

4 Die in Egypt Election Clash

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 3 (UP).—Four persons were reported killed in election-day clashes late tonight, climaxing the biggest, most bitterly contested parliamentary election in Egypt's history.

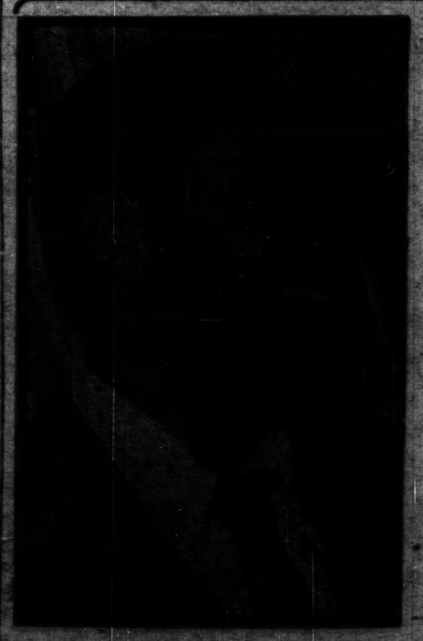
Dispatches said the four were slain at Edku, 20 miles east of Alexandria, in a dispute which involved the mayor of the village.

Bidault Prepares to Push Anti-Union Bill

PARIS, Jan. 3. — The French cabinet today authorized Premier Georges Bidault to demand a confidence vote on the bill to return wage questions to collective bargaining between private employers and unions. The bill would also make arbitration compulsory.

Bidault, who squeezed through by a four-vote margin in one case in the vote last night on the 1950 budget, told the cabinet he would not press his anti-labor bill unless "absolutely necessary."

Hollywood, a column of film news and comment by David Platt appears daily, except Tuesday, in the Daily Worker.



BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

Ben Davis to Talk at Harlem Stalin Rally

A celebration in honor of Premier Stalin's 70th birthday will be held this Friday evening at the United Mutual Hall, 310 Lenox Ave., with former Councilman Benjamin J. Davis as the main speaker. The Communist leader will speak on Stalin and the Struggle for Negro Liberation.

Sponsored by the Communist Party's Harlem Regional Committee, the meeting is open to the public.

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U. S. Orders Hungary Close Consulates Here

BUDAPEST, Jan. 3.—The United States today ordered the Hungarian people's government to close its consulates in New York and Cleveland by Jan. 15. The order, it was stated, was in retaliation for the recent arrest by Hungary of Robert E. Vogeler, as a spy and saboteur.

U.S. Minister Nathaniel P. Davis handed a note to the Hungarian foreign office here ordering the closing of the consulates and said the U.S. was prepared to take more drastic action. An identical note was handed to the Hungarian legation in Washington.

The New York and Cleveland consulates are the only ones Hungary has maintained in the United States outside of Washington.

Vogeler is assistant vice-president of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., and its central European representative.

The U. S. note charged that Hungary, in the case of Vogeler, had failed to abide by its obligations under the treaty of friendship with America.

On Christmas eve Hungary brusquely rejected the U. S. demand for Vogeler's immediate release and accused the Americans and British of attempting to defend spies.

Egg Farmers Ask Gov't Sell Grain Cheaper

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 3.—Representatives of New Jersey's poultry farmers, meeting in Lakewood, urged the Government to release enough of its grain at a price to establish an egg-feed ratio equivalent to 90 percent of parity.

The state-wide meeting, which included 300 farmers' representatives, from practically every major egg-producing area in the state, was the culmination of mass meeting in Vineland, Toms River, Farmingdale, Hightown, New Brunswick and Frenchtown, at which poultry farmers had expressed their demand for equal parity with the so-called basics, now guaranteed supports at 90 percent of parity under the Agricultural Act of 1949.

The newly-formed New Jersey Poultry Farmers Committee will prepare a draft for legislation to be introduced in Congress.

The farmers also agreed to accept a possible 5 percent reduction in New Jersey egg production, based on 1949 figures, and the legislation will propose that government feed grains be released to each cooperating state in such amounts as to effectuate such a reduction.

Joel Jacobson, director of education for the New Jersey CIO, offered the support of his organization. He commended the meeting for a program which would permit egg prices to seek lower levels in the retail markets, thus assuring higher consumption.

Say ILG Local 22 Violates Constitution

Business agents of AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Local 22 were charged yesterday with violating the union constitution by making collections in the shops for the election campaign of the administration group. The charge was made by the Dressmakers Rank and File group.

The Rank and File stated that the collections were being made in a manner which left the "false impression that they are doing it as part of their official union business." Dressmakers were urged to "insist on their constitutional rights and refuse to contribute under such 'subtle' pressure."

Yugoslavs in Israel Rap Tito

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (Telepress).—Members, candidates and sympathizers of the Yugoslav Communist Party who arrived in Israel during this year, issued a proclamation in Tel Aviv fully supporting the Cominform resolution condemning the fascist Tito regime.

The proclamation, which was signed by the members of the Yugoslav Communist Party living in Israel, states that all who signed the resolution witnessed how the best Yugoslav Communists were being arrested and imprisoned, how party members of long standing, organizers of the national resistance, soldiers and officers of the national liberation army and the workers who were building a new country on the ruins of the old Yugoslavia were being arrested, imprisoned and many killed only because they remained faithful to the principles of proletarian internationalism, and supported the constructive criticism of the fraternal Communist parties.

George Morris' World of Labor, a column reporting and interpreting the news in the labor movement, appears daily in the Daily Worker, and in the weekend Worker.

Illinois Mine Strikers To Return Monday

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 3.—Some 15,500 coal miners went on a strike in Illinois and Indiana today, but United Mine Workers officials promptly ordered a return to work effective next Monday.

The diggers, most of them in Illinois, quit work as other soft coal miners in the big eastern fields returned without incident from a five-day New Year's holiday.

Four hours after the strike began, Hugh A. White, president of UMW District 12, embracing Illinois, instructed local officials to resume the union's current three-day work week Jan. 9.

Since the New Year holiday had chopped one day off this week's work schedule, the strike meant a loss of two days' production at affected mines.

White's order did not cover some 300 miners who struck at the Viking mine at Terre Haute, Ind., but they were expected to go back to work also. Other mines in Indiana were reported working normally.

UMW Chief John L. Lewis was in Springfield visiting his aged and ailing mother, but he declined to comment on the walkout.

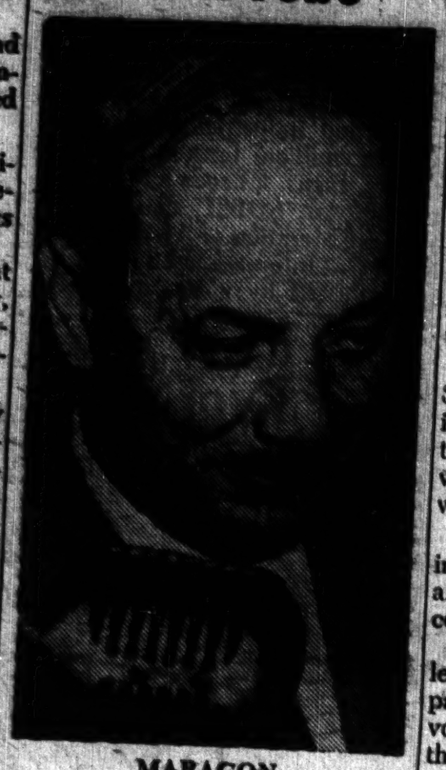
White said UMW officials had learned of the strike from press dispatches, and that it was "an entirely voluntary" action on the part of the miners.

Individual strikers in Illinois said they quit because they wanted the same new contracts signed by the UMW with some Illinois miners for a 95 cents a day wage boost and a 15 cents a ton increase in welfare fund contributions.

A survey showed that all but 2,000 to 3,000 of Illinois' 18,000 "digging" miners joined the walkout. Those who worked were largely employes of mines which have signed new contracts.

Miners were reported working normally in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Alabama.

Indict Maragon For Perjury In 5% Probe



MARAGON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (UP).—Dapper John Maragon, who once boasted easy access to the White House, was indicted by a Federal grand jury today on charges of lying to Senate investigators.

Maragon, pal of Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, was indicted on four counts of perjury arising from the Senate investigation of "influence peddlers."

Meanwhile three high capital officials denied a published report that they received "very fancy radios" for Christmas from David A. Bennett, Verley Company official who previously admitted gifts of deep freeze units to government bigwigs.

Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, presidential secretary Matthew Connelly and Gov. James K. Vardaman of the Federal Reserve Board said flatly the story was "untrue." Mrs. James Helm, Mrs. Truman's secretary, said she "did not know anything about" a radio which Mrs. Truman was reported to have received.

Houston CRC Hits Immigration Service

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 3.—The Civil Rights Congress chapter here has passed a resolution denouncing the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service for hounding Kurt and Steffi Wittenberg, anti-Nazi refugees, who are seeking to return to Germany. It also attacked the Department of Justice and the judges for trying to make stool-pigeons out of leaders of labor organizations here in connection with the case. It also condemned the sentencing of James J. Green, leader of the Texas Communist Party, for contempt because he refused to be an informer.

Yo Hunt Old Fish

LONDON, Jan. 3 (UP).—Three British scientists will leave here for South African waters next week to search for a 50,000,000-year-old species of fish.

R. I. Currie, T. J. Harte and R. Clark will sail to look for the Latimeria, a rare fish believed to have lived as long as 500,000 centuries ago.

Until 1938 the Latimeria was believed to be extinct, but a trawler caught one that year off east London, South Africa.

Judges Weigh James Wilson's Freedom Plea

A decision as to whether or not James Wilson, Negro fugitive, will be returned to a South Carolina chain gang was yesterday reserved by five judges of the state Appellate Division.

Arguing for the freedom of Wilson, who was arrested at the home of relatives here last May, was Abraham Unger, retained by the Bronx Civil Rights Congress.

Unger pointed out yesterday that Wilson time and again suffered brutal whippings by prison guards, and that he escaped the camp under threat of a whipping. Wilson charged that he was denied counsel after he had slain a man who molested his wife.

The Bronx District Attorney's office submitted a brief to the court yesterday which held that the Appellate Division has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Tornadoes Hit Midwest

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (UP).—Tornadoes and a raging blizzard lashed the mid-continent today in the wake of bad holiday weather which helped hold the accidental death toll to 401.

Casualties for the three-day New Year's holiday were far under the 611 lives lost in Christmas accidents. Safety officials believed generally bad weather over the nation helped discourage travel and keep New Year's casualties relatively lower.

As the holiday ended, blowing snow and bitter cold swept across the Dakotas and Great Plains states, and tornadic winds bore down on St. Louis County, Mo.

Twisters struck in the Spanish Lake district of St. Louis county and then skipped across the Mississippi River to Hartford and Roxana, Ill.

Ban 2 Argentine CP Papers

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Jan. 3 (UP).—The Communist publication Orientacion was closed today by the joint congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities.

Orientacion occupies the same premises as La Hora, Communist daily closed by the committee yesterday.

The committee also impounded the books of the Argentine news agency Saporiti which provides news services to some newspapers and radio stations in the country. A police guard was posted at the agency's premises in Roque Saenz Pena Ave.

Memo to the Reader

By ALAN MAX
Managing Editor

"I have just read the standings in the Worker subscription drive," writes George Sandy of Indiana, "and observe that Connecticut is no longer in front of us Hoosiers. I also note that we are rapidly closing in on New Jersey which is still in first place. We're trying to be first in the nation. But it goes without saying that we don't want to be first through other states defaulting and so we wish New Jersey the utmost of success in their battle of subscriptions."

One of the leaders of the Corona (Queens) section of the Communist Party, a Negro woman, who serves as section press director, has already obtained eight subs herself in the shop where she works. "She is giving leadership by example," they say of her.

Queens, by the way, has reached a third of its quota. In the Rego Park area, these clubs are close to the 100 percent mark: Maspeth, Middle Village and Ridgewood. In the Sunnyside area, Long Island City leaders with 70 percent, with the Joe Hill Club, Celtics and Matthew Flats close behind. Queens plans to get an additional 200 subs (meaning 700 in all) by this Friday night and a county-wide mobilization for Sunday is planned with the 70 percent mark in mind.

Today's POINT of ORDER

The aggressive intentions of the Chinese Communists have never been more clearly shown than in their desire to detach Formosa from the United States.

Hainan Guerillas Fight Kuomintang

TAIPEH, Formosa, Jan. 3.—The Kuomintang "premier," Yen Hsi-shan, admitted today that there are 20,000 people's guerrilas fighting on Hainan Island, the island off China's southern coast.

Yen boasted that Kuomintang airplanes had showed "New Year's presents" on the Luichow Peninsula and on Kunming in five air raids in which, he declared, 700 were killed.

He said the Kuomintang plans to smuggle "military advisers" and ammunition to disruptive forces on the Chinese mainland, which would seek to hamper transportation and attack food stockpiles of the People's Republic.

Yen declined comment on China's financial problems or the questions of possible U. S. aid and current talks in Washington on the future of Formosa, saying he preferred to "wait until rumors become facts."

A call for World War III to "fight Communism" was issued here today through the mouth of what Kuomintang publicity men said was the "living Buddha," named Changchia Hutukhtu, who had fled here from Inner Mongolia.

Indonesians Get 15% of Wealth They Produce

PEKING (By Mail—ALN).—The real situation in Indonesia was described in a report by Ali Mardjono of the Indonesian Trade Union Federation (SOBSI), submitted to the Trade Union Conference of Asia and Australasian countries which recently concluded here.

In 300 years of Dutch rule, Mardjono said, "Indonesia became a source of raw materials and cheap labor, a field for foreign investment and a market for foreign produced commodities." This condition has not changed with Indonesian "independence," which leaves the colonial economy untouched. As before, Dutch, U. S. and British monopolies dominate the land and its wealth.

Despite "independence," resident Dutch, Americans and British, who form only 0.4 percent of the population of Indonesia, receive 65 percent of the national income, Mardjono said. Other foreigners, a little over 2 percent of the people, get 20 percent. The Indonesians themselves, who are 97 percent of the population, are left with only 15 percent of the national income of their own country.

Three out of every four Indonesians are peasants, Mardjono continued. They are so poor that the average land holding is only half an acre. Workers' wages in the towns run as low as 5 cents a day. This, too, has not changed.

BEGAN IN 1908

Tracing the history of the Indonesian labor movement, Hardjono said it began in 1908, when the railway workers organized in close contact with the national independence struggle against the Dutch. Labor and the national liberation movement have been inseparable since. In the 1920s, under Communist leadership, the trade unions became extremely active. The strongest labor organizations were outlawed after the anti-Dutch uprising of 1926.

Reestablished in 1935, unions were driven underground again when the Japanese conquered Indonesia. President Soekarno and Premier Mohammed Hatta, who now head the Indonesian Republic, then worked as Japanese puppets and helped Japan to recruit forced labor. Opposing them was the Indonesian anti-Japanese liberation movement, led by Amir Sjariffudin, who also later became a republican official but was exelnted by Soekarno and Hatta last year. Trade unionists rebelled against the Japanese, arms in hand, in the oil sity of Palembang, Sumatra, and in other plales.

After Japan's surrender, Indonesian workers formed their own 40,000-man section of the republican army and fought for independence against the British and Dutch troops who reoccupied the country. For the first time in Indonesian history, all unions joined in a general federation, the SOBSI. The membership included 200,000 urban and industrial workers and over a million farm workers in rubber, sugar, tobacco and quinine plantations. SOBSI entered the World Federation of Trade Unions in 1947. International links were strengthened by visits from President B. Blokzijl of the Netherlands Unity Trade Unions and a representative of the Australian Council of Trade Unions the same year.

SMASHED UNIONS

Soekarno and Hatta prefaced their sellout compromise with the Dutch by smashing workers' and peasants' organizations by military force at Madioen and other places on Sept. 18, 1948, Mardjono said. Mardjono further charged that this suppression was carried out in consultation with Merle Cochran, U. S. representative on the United Nations conciliation group whose appointment as first U. S. envoy to "free" Indonesia is now predicted.

Cochran told them that they would get no U. S. backing in negotiating terms with the Netherlands if they did not destroy left-wing forces which endangered foreign profits and supplied money for the purpose, Mardjono averred. More than 30,000 town and rural workers were killed in the subsequent fighting. SOBSI President Harjono, Oei Ghee Hwat, who represented SOBSI in the WFTU, and other leaders were jailed and shot.

Concluding his report, Ali Mardjono appealed to world labor not to believe Indonesia is now really free. As an example of what kind of independence has now been established, he mentioned Soekarno and Hatta's surrender of Indonesia's right to run her own foreign affairs, and their pledge to pay the military costs of the Dutch forces. The money for guns and shells that killed Indonesians originally came from the U. S. through the Marshall Plan. Now the Indonesians are supposed to reimburse the Dutch for what they spent.

Guerilla warfare for full independence continues in Indonesia and is supported by the workers, Mardjono said. He asked for assistance for the SOBSI by workers everywhere and welcomed the World Federation of Trade Unions' decision to send a commission to Indonesia to see the situation for itself.

O'Dwyer Backs Budget-Slicing Probe of City Dep'ts

By Michael Singer

Mayor O'Dwyer yeterday gave his support to a budget-slicing survey of all municipal departments and agencies announced by Deputy Mayor William Reid. Reid, on his first day in his new job, told reporters he was launching the survey to increase "efficiency."

He made it clear that the "efficiency" he is after would be at the expense of the financial needs of every city department. The results of the survey will be reflected in the 1950-51 expense budget which will be submitted at the end of February.

Reid will be aided in the investigation by his two new assistants, $15,000 a year G. Joseph Minetti, executive assistant, and $12,000 a year Solomon Klein, second deputy mayor. If the investigation follows the procedures used by Reid as board of transportation chairman, it will pare expenses to the bone.

SEE SCHOOL CUTS

An indication of this "economy" drive was Reid's conference with Board of Education president Maximillian Moss, whose department has the largest city budget and needs increased funds for teacher salary raises and expanded school services. School observers saw an ominous portent in the fact that Reid held his first budget-paring talk with the school department.

O'Dwyer made no comment on the Jan. 16 relief cuts but said he had conferred with Welfare Commissioner Raymond Hilliard after arriving from his Florida honeymoon and that he would confer with Hilliard again today.

Before the press talk in a surprise move ODwyer picked up the option of Philip Zichello, former Borough of Works Commissioner under Hugo Rogers who was not reappointed by the new Manhattan borough president, Robert F. Wagner, Jr. O'Dwyer put Zichello in the Tammany lineup as Deputy Commissioner of Hospitals at a $9,000 annual salary. He had been receiving $12,000 in his former position.

Zichello is known to be a follower of Frank X. Mancuso, Tammany district leader and erstwhile O'Dwyer foe, who now apparently is back in the good graces of the Mayor.

Press Roundup, a summary of editorial comment in the metropolitan press, appears each day in the Daily Worker.

Oil Jobs Drop, But Trusts Bar Shorter Week

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 3 (FP).—Unemployment among oil workers is becoming increasingly critical in the Houston area—but the oil companies don't seem to give a hang.

J. E. Crossland, representative of the CIO Oil Workers, reported that both the Texas Co. and Shell Oil Co., have been laying off men, but have been stone deaf to shorter workweek demands by the union. They have refused to discuss the 36-hour week.

Meanwhile, Texas Co. president Harry C. Klein said his firm would continue to import foreign crude oil so long as it is legally possible to do so, despite protests by independent petroleum producers. His statement was made at the opening of Texaco's new refinery near Philadelphia, which will use only foreign oil. The company has been laying off production workers, pipeline and refining operators.

Crossland said Houston and Harris county unemployment is surpassing the 1939 level of 20,000. "This is significant," he commented, "as Houston has always been considered a bright spot, even during the last Hoover election."

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West Reich Has Nazi Labor Plan

BERLIN, Jan. 3 (Telepress).—A plan for the creation of a "labor service" in Western Germany has been worked out by West German Labor Minister Storch on direct orders from Prime Minister Adenauer.

The labor service is to be modeled on the Hitlerite "Arbeitsdienst" which served to prepare the German youth for military service. According to the East Berlin daily "Nationalzeitung," former high "Arbeitsdienst" officers such as its provincial commander Witts and press chief Sturz have been aiding Storch in working out his plan.

The plan provides for compulsory six months' service for all young Germans, and will be presented to the western High Commissioners shortly.

See '50 Crucial In Fight Against Deportations

The new year will be a critical one in "the fight to preserve the democratic and constitutional rights of foreign-born Americans," Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, said yesterday.

In a review of the attack on the civil rights of the foreign-born in 1949 and the prospects for heightened attacks in 1950, Green noted that, at the close of this year, "more than 140 non-citizens in 19 states have been arrested and face deportation because of their political opinions."

"In the courts," he said, "the case of Peter Harisiades may be argued and decided by the United States Supreme Court during 1950. The Harisiades case is a test case

"In Congress," Green continued, "we expect a concentrated drive to secure the passage of the vicious Hobbs Concentration Camp Bill as well as other so-called anti-alien bills now pending. It will require an 'alert and militant fight' during the coming year," he said, "to defeat such attempts.

"The fight against the deportation hysteria, as well as against any 'anti-alien' legislation, will be the main responsibility of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born," Green pledged.

He appealed for "help in this vitally important fight" by financial contributions to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born at 23 W. 26 St.

JUSTICE DEPT. KIDNAPS 2 GREEK SEAMEN

Two Greek seamen were kidnapped by Justice Department aides and transported to Ellis Island, where they are now being held, after a Virginia state court had ordered their freedom in a writ of habeas corpus, the Greek Maritime Union has revealed.

The two men, Michael Chiotis and Antonios Velandos, were described by the union as militant leaders in a protest by the crew of the SS Katherine against a cut in wages to 27 cents an hour. The vessel is owned by the Livanos family, largest Greek shipowners. Crew members were objecting to an arbitrary and unilateral decision by the company to pay off at $2.80 to the pound as against the standard $4.

The two men were seized (a third was later released) when the company sought Immigration Service aid in reprisal against them. Chiotis and Velandos were picked up at Newport News, where their vessel was docked, and returned to the ship, on the grounds that they were not "bona fide" seamen and thus not permitted to remain ashore.

Federal law permits alien seamen to stay ashore between voyages for a reasonable time permitting them to obtain new employment.

When Virginia state judge Herbert G. Smith on Wednesday granted a writ of habeas corpus to the Greek Maritime Union's local attorney for the two men, Immigration Service officials within the next hour moved to defy the order by transporting the seamen to Ellis Island.

The seizure was the most recent in a series of harrassments perpetrated by the Justice Department against militant Greek maritime unionists at the beheast of the monarcho-fascist Greek government and shipowners.

Federal courts have thus far refused to grant relief in th cases brought before them by the Greek Maritime Union. However, Jack Morewitz, the union's attorney in Virginia, who conducted a press conference at its national headquarters at 24 Stone St. here Friday, said the U. S. Supreme Court is expected to rule Jan. 9 on a case in which a favorable decision might set precedents for the present and other cases affecting Greek seamen here.

HIP Covers 230,000

The Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York gained nearly 100,000 members during 1949, David M. Heyman, HIP president, announced yesterday. HIP's New York enrollment is now 230,000.

In a year-end report, Heyman said that HIP spent $3,985,129, or more than 80 percent of premium income, for medical services to subscribers during 1949.

CIO Ouster Backfires on UE Splitters

By Max Gordon

SCHENECTADY.

The CIO's action in expelling the United Electrical Workers has backfired badly on the crowd supporting the union-splitting policies of CIO secretary-treasurer James B. Carey in the huge General Electric plant here. Rank-and-file unionists, shop stewards and union officials estimate that at least 80 percent of the 14,000-odd union members in UE Local 301 recognize the company-union character of Carey's Imitation UE, and support the genuine trade union policies of the national UE leadership.

Various votes taken in department meetings, among shop stewards and in membership meetings, as well as failure of the Imitation UE to get anywhere thus far, back up this claim.

The leaders of the Carey crowd, who only a year ago carried the local election for presidency, secretaryship and some other posts, are now out of the union, isolated and discredited. They quit the local and "accepted" a charter for an Imitation UE local rather than face the membership in local elections held last month. They knew they would be licked at least four to one.

HOW IT HAPPENED

How did this change come about? For one thing, the workers here had had a year of experience with these Carey leaders in official posts, and they were in a better position to spot the company-union nature of the Imitation UE setup.

They were able to contrast, too, the rank-and-file democracy which had existed under genuine UE leadership in the local with the dictatorial, railroading procedures while Carey supporter Frank Kriss was in the president's chair.

The disgust with Kriss and his group reached its height following a meeting in the local armory Nov. 17 at which the membership was scheduled to vote on whether or not to remain in the UE. More than 4,000 workers attended. Kriss refused to give UE speakers the floor, called a hasty flor vote after his men had spoken, and announced the move for getting out of the UE had won, though it was obvious to all that the vote had been at least two-to-one for remaining in the UE.

Later that night, he attempted to pull the same stunt with second-shift workers meeting in the union hall. After declaring the result of the vote his way, he walked out with about 60 of his cohorts. Four hundred workers remained in the hall, filling every available seat, as business agent Leo Jandreau, a national vice president, took the floor and exposed the phony maneuvers of the company-union stooges.

PULLED OUT

Knowing they were badly licked, Kriss and his cronies "accepted" an Imitation UE charter soon after these meetings and pulled out of the UE. They remained silent in the face of a challenge by Jandreau to stay in the union and face a contest for reelection in the local balloting, scheduled to take place in a few weeks.

The workers saw, to, that the Kriss crowd, by rejecting repeated proposals for united struggle for higher wages and grievance adjustments, was weakening the union and hurting its program.

It was recognized, moreover, that all the contract benefits gained in years of struggle were endangered by the Imitation UE.

The company helped to bring about this realization. Thus, for instance, GE vice-president L. R. Boulware, in pleading "neutrality" in the struggle between UE and Imitation UE, declared that as far as GE was concerned, the workers might choose either union or "none at all."

NOT NEUTRAL

In fact, the company has not been neutral at all, and this, too, has helped to expose the company-union nature of the Carey move. In violation of the contract, the company at first refused to recognize thirty-odd shop stewards selected to replace the handful out of the 450 who had not remained loyal to the UE. Big protest mass meetings throughout the plant compelled it to about-face within 24 hours.

The company has also permitted the Imitation UE bunch to circulate in the plant on company time petitions for cancelation of dues checkoff to the UE. It has shown special favoritism to those who support the IUE.

As yet, however, the company has not thrown its full weight into the battle, and is expected to go a lot farther in trying to save the Carey crowd.

The violent redbaiting of the Imitation UE has lost much of its effect because the workers here are becoming immunized to it. They have been having steady injections since the union was organized in 1937, and they have learned to spot it as the poison of foes of genuine unionism.

The Communist Party locally has helped to take some of the steam out of the red-baiting by issuing regular weekly leaflets for the past 44 weeks dealing with fundamental economic and political issues facing the workers. These leaflets, distributed in thousands of copies, have given the workers a better idea of what the Communist Party stands for.

Redbaiting has always played on the lack of knowledge concerning the Party's real nature.

TRUMAN DIDN'T HELP

Neither did Truman's endorsement of the Imitation UE help the Carey crowd much. Though most workers probably voted for Truman in 1948, their attitude is that he has no business sticking his nose into the affairs of their union. He has a big enough job, as is.

Thus far, the Imitation UE has made little headway in getting started here. The organizing meeting was attended by 47 people, some of whom were loyal UE members, there to observe.

An intensive drive in the shops for cancellation of dues check-off to the UE—on company time—netted less than 2,000 such cancellations out of the 14,000-odd membership. Several hundred of those signing the cancellations have since formally demanded their cancellations be rescinded on the grounds their signatures here obtained under false pretenses.

Membership meetings of all sections in the union have voted almost unanimously to remain loyal to the UE. The shop stewards are solid, with but very few defections. More than 4,000 workers turned out in mid-December to cast ballots for union officers though there were no contests for most major offices and everyone on the ballot backed the policies of the UE leadership.

In the light of past electoral experience, this turnout was a powerful demonstration of support for the UE.

The struggle, of course, is far from over. At this stage, however, it is plain the workers have not been misled by the latest efforts to destroy genuine rank-and-file unionism here.

The company, of course, has not hesitated to take advantage of the Imitation UE's disruptive activities. In addition to the recent announcement of termination of contract after April 1, it has renewed past attempts to cut prices and worsen conditions otherwise in

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UE MEN FIGHT BACK

"The fight is now out in the open as to whether we are to have a real union serving the interests of the workers in the electrical industry or company union-union setups," a high offcial of District 3 (upstate New York) of the United Electrical Workers Union declared the other day. Many UE locals, he said, had been untder the leadership of right-wingers, opposed to the policies of the UE nationally and, in effect, company unions. Their leaders were supporters of James B. Carey, darling of the employers within the UE who was defeated for union presidency in 1940 and has since carried on a disruptive fight within the union to regain leadership. If the CIO had not expelled the UE at its recent convention and set up Carey's creature, the Imitation UE, the struggle against these company union elements might not have developed so openly and sharply, the upstate UE official declared. The workers would not have had the chance to fight back. Here is how they ARE fighting back in the two largest UE shops upstate.

UNITED ELECTRICAL UNION Local 301 members gather at the Schenectady General Electric plant to hear union leaders.

Balk 'Imitation UE' Blitz in Buffalo

Special to the Daily Worker

BUFFALO.

The rightwing union-busting supporter of James B. Carey, who until recently had tight control over the big Westinghouse Local 1581 of the United Electrical Workers, have failed in their first attempts to stampede the 4,500 members into Carey's imitation UE.

The rank-and-file is fighting back. In the few weeks since the expulsion of the UE from the CIO, hundreds of workers have organized themselves into a vigorous, growing movement to save the contract and to keep the unoin in the UE.

They have removed the Carey leaders, set up a temporary organization to administer the contract, settle grievances and fight for higher wages and other benefits in new contract negotiations which the company has thus far been stalling.

The Carey crowd, of course, has set up an Imitation UE local in its war against genuine rank-and-file unionism.

REBUFFED

It has thus far been rebuffed in its attempts to take over the UE contract.

Behind the rank-and-file movement is increasing recognition that the solid gains made by the UE are threatened by the irresponsible, disruptive Carey leaders who wage war against a non-existent "Communist danger" to cover their inability and unwillingness to fight for workers' wages and improved conditions.

The workers have seen that union anti-discrimination, educational, legislative and social committees go to pot under their official.

The rightwing leaders thought they would have fairly smooth sailing in taking the union into Carey's Imitation outfit. They counted on the fact that in this relatively new plant, the young workers who made up the bulk of the labor force have not had the experience of years of bitter struggle to achieve the conditions gained under the militant national UE leadership.

They figured the workers had not yet been hardened to the fact that redbaitng means loss of dollars and cents from workers' pockets, a lesson learned by workers in older plants such as Schenectady's General Electric.

LEARN FAST

But the Westinghouse workers are teaching them that workingmen learn fast these days, especially when the existence of their union is endangered.

The Carey leaders, under the then local president Theodore Wierzbic, started their blitz drive to get the union into Imitation UE soon after the CIO convention which expelled the UE and set up the Carey outfit.

The first step was a secret board meeting which determined to put out of the UE, to request the company to turn over the UE contract to the Imitation outfit, and to request an immediate National Labor Relations Board election—before the rank-and-file could collect itself.

Six out of the 24 board members opposed the board's action because of fear of wrecking the contract. The rest did not worry about this.

Immediately following the board meeting, the stewards were called together. With about half attending, they voted for secession from the UE. This was followed by a membership meeting, attended by some 500, where in a hysterical red-baiting atmosphere, the local leaders again succeeded in win-

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N.Y. County Appeals to Every Member

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SUNDAY A. M.—JAN. 8

Around the Globe

By Joseph Starobin

Truman's War Budget

PRESIDENT TRUMAN comes before the joint session of Congress today with his State of the Union message, and that will be followed on Friday with the release of his Economic Report for the coming year, and then on Monday with the budget estimates for the fiscal year of 1949-50, which begins in July. All advance stories indicate that the budget request will come close to 43 billion dollars, or about the same as last year. But the budgetary deficit will be high—in the neighborhood of four to five billion dollars. To meet this deficit, the discussion thus far has centered mostly around taxes. From what I can gather, the President proposes to reduce most of the excise taxes that are mainly a burden to the upper brackets, and to replace these with a series of new taxes, some of which affect business, but most of which will affect the average taxpayer.

It has been indicated, for example, by Sen. Tom Connally's press interview last week, that only one phase of "foreign spending" will be reduced—the appropriations for the third year of the Marshall Plan. The anticipated cut in this respect ranges about a billion dollars, compared with the $800,000,000 cut last year. But while there is no indication of larger spending for the military share of the budget over last year, and no sign of a striking increase in the separate sum for the Atlantic Pact re-armament, there is also no sign of a substantial reduction in these two items.

In other words, the overall spending for the domestic arms program, for the Marshall Plan, and for the MAP (the Atlantic Pact Military Arms Program) is remaining about the same at a time when the total budget is four to five billions short, and when new taxes are being proposed.

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BUT EXACTLY why on earth is this country going to spend about 14 billions for its own arms program, plus about five billions more in the Marshall Plan-Atlantic Pact column, out of a total of 43 billion dollars, at a time when the budget is 10 to 15 percent short, and more taxes are ased?

Why does this country need a burden of such huge proportions? What are we preparing for—when one-third of the entire budget goes for building arsenals, ships, aircraft fleets, atomic bombs, apart from at least another third in the category of rearming western Europe and financing a Marshall Plan which obviously is coming apart at the seams, not to mention the cost of past wars under separate headings like interest on debt and veterans' aid.

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TRUMAN will undoubtedly tell the joint session of Congress today that we are preparing for nothing but peace. But the plain figures of his own budget next Monday will contradict his message to Congress. Such a huge and recurring outlay of funds, year after year, obviously spells preparations for war. Every Congressman who votes such a budget knows it. And every manufacturer who gets contracts for weapons out of such a budget knows it, too.

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NOBODY is threatening us with warfare. At the Stalin birthday celebration, the chief theme of the major speeches was the possibility of peaceful co-existence between the two social systems. On New Year's Day, Mao Tse-tung told Soviet correspondents (at the very moment of the dangerous nonsense in Washington over Formosa) that the New China was going over to peaceful reconstruction. The Peoples Democracies in eastern Europe? What they look forward to, if the United States will allow it, is peaceful trade.

There is no threat of war from the Socialist part of the world. It is here, in Washington, that budgets which claim to prepare for peace, are swollen with the tolls of preparing for war. And what a toll for our people, at a moment when we teeter on the edge of an economic toboggan ride!

The budget will have to be attacked at its core—a budget out of line with the real features of the world situation and threatening to drag the whole country into an economic tailspin.

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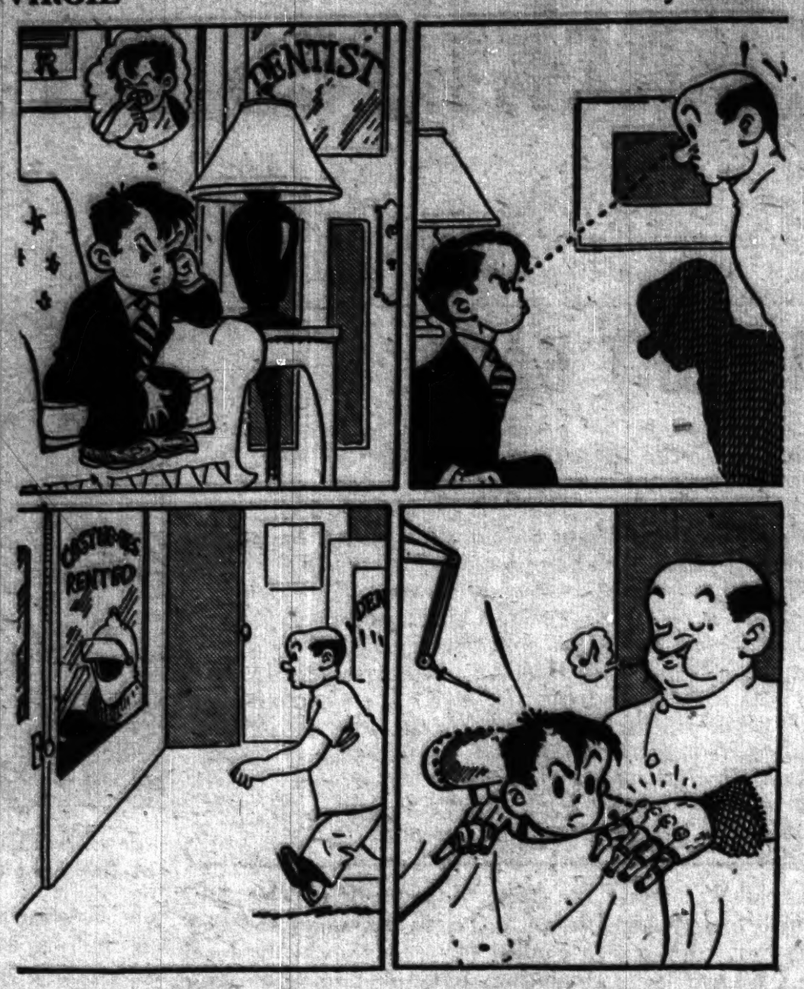
A correction long overdue. This column, a week ago Friday, confused Richard Lauterbach's book: "These Are the Russians," with Wallace Carroll's "We're in It with Russia." Apologies go to our alert readers, and, I suppose, to Mr. Lauterbach, too.

VIRGIL By Len Kleis



Press Roundup

THE NEWS says it's okay for Albert Einstein to scribble little figures about the universe, but he'd better keep his nose out of really important things, like "politics, government and human relations." The News hasn't guts enough to come right out and say so, but its real gripe is that Dr. Einstein has made known his definite opposition to American cold war policies. It's all right for "newspaper people," the News says modestly, to offer political advice, but not for scientists. Especially when the scientists are stubborn enough to reject the guidance of the News.

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THE MIRROR'S Drew Pearson reveals that Truman and his top aides decided not to seize and hold Formosa but to adopt a "compromise" policy of shipping Chiang some $75,000,000 in arms and "about 20 U.S. military advisers to survey the situation." Elsewhere, the Mirror's Victor Weasel ends one of his fantasies with the dramatic query: "Who's with me?" The answer to which, of course, is "nobody but fascists."

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THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN stretches American frontiers like a rubber band with: "On the Chinese mainland, the Communists are preparing for an invasion of Formosa. Such an assault would be the very same as an attack on Japan itself, where our military government is situated, and would thus be equivalent to AN ATTACK UPON AMERICAN FORCES AND THE AMERICAN FLAG."

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THE WORLD-TELEGRAM fears that the scheduled Pacific jaunt of the joint chiefs of staff will be "just a smokescreen" for the "State Department's colossal blundering." The Telly wants a "sincere effort . . . to protect American interests in the Pacific." Like a few thousand "sincere" corpses of American boys on the Island of Formosa?

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THE SUN weighs the new congressional session. "Essentially the main opponents in the contest remain unchanged; the main issues remain unchanged; the main point of the session remains unchanged." And, if you read the rest of the editorial, the Sun's all wet, like a baby that remains unchanged.

THE POST's Max Lerner opposes American seizure of Formosa. Not, of course, because it's wrong, but because it'd be "foolish". He says "The most foolish consequence of the Formosa folly is that it consolidates Mao's strength among his Chinese people, and the Kremlin strength in Mao's own mind.

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THE COMPASS's Jennings Perry asserts: "Even Senator Knowland must know that if we could not save China for Chiang when he held China with millions of soldiers at his command—with millions of American guns in their fists—we cannot subjugate China to Chiang on his nervous island. Formosa cannot lick China. We gave Chiang our gunboats, we gave him our planes. China licked him without gunboats and without planes. We can send more gunboats, more planes to Formosa. The gunboats will desert to China and the planes will destroy, if anything, American shipping."

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THE TIMES complains: The President is reported to have made one definite decision: we will not undetake to occupy Formosa. That, again, is strictly a negative decision, and adds another bit to a policy that consists cheifly of things that we will not do." The Times would prefer to see U. S. forces conquer the Chinese island. This is known at the policy of proving the "moral" superiority of the "American way of life" over Communism. It is also known as the "Western democratic" way of letting other peoples choose their own form of government. Unless, naturally, they choose Socialism.

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THE HERALD TRIBUNE's striped pants-Cassandra for the ruling class, Walter Lippmann, warns: "The Asiatic mainland is beyond the limits of effective American military power." He adds: "If we develop delusions of grandeur, as some of us have, and imagine that the American way of life, much as we like it, is to be the universal way of life we shall find that pride goeth before a fall and that the humiliation we have suffered in China is only the beginning of our troubles." Whereupon Lippmann suggests an American policy pegged on the Dutch-Indonesian and Nehru's India, those two frail reeds in Asia's revolutionary story.—R.F.

World of Labor

By George Morris

A U. S. View of Britain's Knights of Labor

SOME of the top brass in the AFL and CIO must have been green with envy when they read in Monday's papers of the lordships, knighthoods and other titles that were conferred on their counterparts of British labor. True, some of our top bracket laborites have the dollars—enough of them to buy a title if they were British. They have no difficulty in obtaining an audience with the President. But it is those titles that get them. They are animated by the same spirit that makes some of our silly gals look at a tabloid picture of an American dame who had just conquered some prince or one of the few remaining potentates, and sigh "Isn't she lucky?"

From now on it will be "His Lordship" Thomas W. Burden, for an M.P. who was a leader of the British union that parallels our George Harrison's Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Some of the leaders of our railroad Brotherhoods may be lords over their organizations known for their "Caucasian purity," but only the former president of the British National Union of Railwaymen, will be referred to as Lord Joseph Henderson.

We read about our Knights of Labor in history books. But they are getting a new crop of high class knights in England. The latest is "Sir" Harold Vincent Tewson, general secretary of the Trade Union Congress, a post equivalent to that of George Meany in the AFL and wonder boy James B. Carey in the CIO. To be more exact, the title conferred on 51-year-old Tewson is Knights Bachelor. His predecessor, Walter Citrine, is also a knight.

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I DON'T KNOW what the latest statistics show, but the King's socialists have apparently cut quite deep into Britain's titledom. It raises quite a problem for us in America. Authorities have pointed out that our labor statesmen have done every bit as well as the British in preserving the "American way of life," and have recently distinguished themselves at the London conference by stealing the newly-formed Confederation of "Free" Trade Unions from under the right honorable noses of the British labor leaders and putting it on a "free enterprise" basis.

We need something that would equate to British titles. Our labor leaders may soon conclude that they aren't trusted. The best they have been able to squeeze out of our "Laborite President" is an appointment to an advisory committee now and then, or as "labor attaches" to our Marshall Plan sales offices abroad. But no cabinet posts, no governorships, nor mayoralties to speak of. Our travelers abroad tell you: "I could blow that guy to a big steak dinner every day on my expense account. My salary in the union is six times his. But when I address him it's 'Sir so and so.' That's no good. Doesn't help promote our leadership."

Would we have something to match the British, a list of endorsers of the Marshall Plan or a like cause, would read something like this: His Right Honorable William Hutcheson, the Viscount of Florida; Sir Michael J. Quill, Knight Commander of the Thistle; Sir Matthew Woll, Knight of the Royal Victorian Order; Sir Joe Curran, Knight Commander of the Bath; His Lordship Joe Ryan, the Duke of Chelsea; Sir David Dubinsky, Knight of the Garter; Sir George Baldanzi, Knight of the Order of the British (American) Empire and Sir Walter Reuther, Knight of St. George.

We might also include a ladyship, Dame Commander of the Order of the British (American) Empire. But we are at a loss for a name. We are still notoriously short of women high enough up in labor leadership to rate such a title. The above titles are listed in the Encyclopedia Britannica. But we might choose a new set of titles that would be definitely American, and start a radio contest for the best suggestions. But in pondering the possibility of titles, honors and trusts for worthy American labor leaders, we should not overlook the historic fact that not until the British working class had become politically independent and class conscious and dangerous enough to challenge the rule of the empire builders did a big market develop for the sort of people who are worthy of the peerages. So let's hasten the day. I'd love nothing better than to sit at press table and watch a politically independent and class conscious meeting of steel workers howl down Sir David J. McDonald, a Knight of the Royal Bath, or to see a hall-full of likeminded truckdrivers give the Right Honorable, Dave Beck, the Duke of Seattle, the razzberries.

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Itch for Empire

THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA is 100 miles from the Chinese mainland.

It is 6,500 miles from the coast of the United States.

But Herbert Hoover and Sen. Taft want the U.S. Navy to move in to seize this Chinese island in order to "save" it from the Chinese people to whom it belongs.

The mentality of the Dollar Imperialist is such that he is ready to "save" any country in the world from its own people. The Hooverites don't see any need for saving the groaning peoples of fascist Spain, Greece or Africa. Or the Latin American peoples suffering from the tyrant's heel. These peoples have already been "saved" from communism by fascist and colonial enslavement. It is only where people decided to govern themselves and oust foreign bankers that they must be "saved" from themselves by the guns of the U.S. Navy.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES puts Formosa right next to the United States by the simple expedient of making a pencil line close to China's shores and calling it "America's Outer Defense Arc." With this device, China and Formosa are made to appear creeping up on the "defense" of the U.S.A.

Washington has done the same thing with Iceland, Greenland, Iran, Iraq, India, Britain, Norway, the Caribbean, Chile, Japan, Indonesia, etc. These have all become part of our "arc of national defense."

In fact, the official theory of the cold war is that America is not safe as long as any Socialist state exists in the world; our "national defense" requires that we destroy the Soviet Union, people's China and the eastern democracies. This was the heart of President Truman's recent speech at Arlington Cemetery.

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THIS IS AGGRESSION and Wall Street expansionism gone mad.

It won't work. The nations of the world won't stand for it.

They will refuse to surrender their independence, their right to decide their own form of government.

The Truman-Marshall policy of grabbing China through the puppet Chiang collapsed because the Chinese people refused to accept the tyranny of the Chiang regime.

The Hoover-Taft policy of open seizure of Formosa is the desperate counsel of world-grabbers who are losing to the people. It will not work either.

The Hoover mob backing Truman's cold war has its finger itching on the trigger. They think they'll solve their problems of empire and profits by starting another world war.

But they will find that this is not so easy.

The peace camp, headed by the Soviet Union, is too strong to permit them their easy way out via war. There is, of course, a terrible danger of adventurist acts of violence on the part of the atombomb generals and frightened bankers. That is what the American people must be on the alert against. The grab-Formosa advice shows up the war-hungry faces of the entire cold war clique. The U.S.A. is not menaced by anyone but its own Pentagon generals and profiteers seeking empire and world domination.

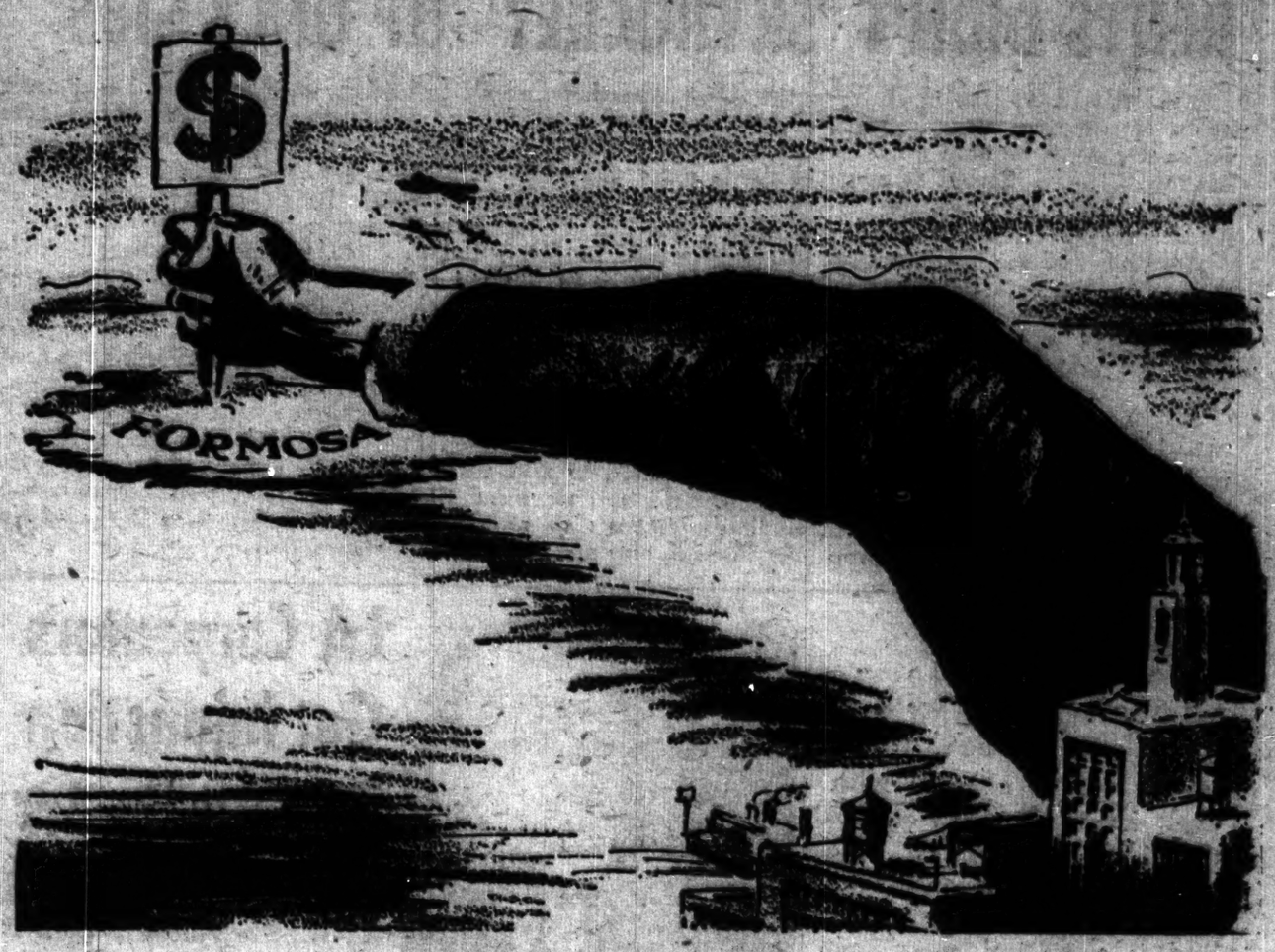
Deadpan FBI Boss

SOME KIND OF PRIZE should go to J. Edgar Hoover, FBI police chief, for the greatest deadpan performance of the year. Hoover has just stated that he "emphatically opposes" any national political police system to "curb the Communists." Without batting an eyelash, the head of the new American gestapo—with its wiretapping, stoolpigeons and frameups—solemnly says such a police system would "create a state within a state" and "would be unresponsive to the will of the majority."

This is rich, coming from the man who hates democracy, who helped frame thousands of trade unionists in the Palmer raids, and was denounced for his lawless disregard of the Constitution in an official report of a U.S. Attorney General. Hoover's FBI is a secret political police by-passing the Constitution every day. If he meant what he said, he would resign. As it is, he adds hypocrisy to his other virtues.

HOOVER STAKES A CLAIM

By Fred Ellis



As We See It

Britain's Own "Point 4" Is Outpointed in D. C.

By Rob F. Hall WASHINGTON.

AT THE MOMENT PRESIDENT TRUMAN was putting the final polish on his State of the Union message, a development took place which exposed—for those who looked deeply enough—the hypocrisy of this administration's pious claims for Point Four. Government encouragement to American businessmen to invest in colonial areas, which Truman submittted to Congress a year ago. It is this project which has continued to press upon Congress for action this session.

The speeches not only of Truman but of various State Department officials have tried manfully to impress upon the world that the project is motivated entirely by your government's desire to render technical and financial assistance to the "backward" areas of the world. If this were true, then the Administration would support any move, by any nation, which furthered that aim.

But a development over the weekend revealed that this government looks with extreme displeasure on such a project when it is launched under the auspices of the British government and British business interests.

Consequently the World Bank, which is dominated by the U. S., on Saturday rejected the loan application of the British Colonial Development Corporation.

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NEGOTIATIONS for the loan had been proceeding slowly ever since March, 1948, when the United Kingdom's Colonial Office first broached the subject to the Bank. The following September, the British government established the Colonial Development Corporation with the aim of promoting investments by British capitalists in dependent overseas territories of the United Kingdom. The CDC desired $10,000,000 to purchase from the U. S. roadbuilding equipment, railroad materials and certain kinds of machinery essential to the exploitation of these territories.

The Bank, headed by Eugene Black of Atlanta, Ga., apparently stalled for more than a year. The amount of the loan application was eventually whittled down to $5,000,000. Then on Saturday, Black announced that "it has not been possible to bring these negotiations to a successful conclusion."

That friction and hard feelings were involved is deducible from the fact that the negotiations were abruptly and publicly terminated. In previous cases where negotiations failed, the governors of the Bank have merely tabled the application or postponed action.

It is reported here that the rock upon which the CDC loan foundered was the Bank's demand to know how each penny would be spent and virtually to supervise the operation. The British apparently viewed this as a form of industrial espionage by representatives of their most feared rivals, the Wall Street operators.

Actually, however, the issue is false. If Eugene Black and the World Bank had wanted the British to have the loan, the Bank's requirements would have been modified sufficiently to be acceptable to the British. It is clear that the Bank made its terms both unacceptable and insulting because it aimed at spiking the deal.

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THE AVERAGE newspaper reader has not been permitted to learn of the many developing tensions and frictions in Anglo-American relations. The general impression given to the people is of the closest and most cordial sentiments binding the "great English speaking nations." The truth, however, is that the flareup in the CDC deal is only one of many occurring during recent months.

Early in December, the British tightened the screws on American oil companies operating in England. They were ordered to stop importing fuel oil from U. S.-owned petroleum fields (in the Middle East.) They were also ordered to cut gasoline imports from those fields by one-third effective Jan. 1.

The State Department vigorously protested. Later the State Department found it necessary to protest another British decision—that the Japanese may not use their British currency (pounds sterling) to buy gasoline from U. S. companies unless the crude oil originated in British colonies.

I doubt that the British ever had any illusions about Washington's aims in promoting the Marshall Plan and now Point Four. They were well aware that through these projects, Wall Street expected to dominate ever larger areas of the world, including the penetration of the so-called sterling areas hitherto the exclusive domain of the British imperialists.

But the developing world crisis of capitalism has frightened the Truman Administration and pushed it into making more exacting demands upon all of its "allies" including the British. Those experienced old imperialists, the British, have responded with maneuvers of their own, designed to thwart Wall Street's plans and to hold on as long as possible to their somewhat depleted happy hunting grounds.

As we move farther into the year 1950, I predict that these frictions and tensions, arising from the fundamental contradictions between American and British imperialism, will increase rather than diminish.

Franco Keeps Morocco 95% Illiterate

LONDON, (By Mail).—Ninety-five percent of the native population of Spanish Morocco are illiterate, the London New Statesman and Nation reports. All the existing schools are Spanish and more than two-thirds of the education expenses are spent on Spanish children.

Thirty percent of the colony's budget is absorbed by the army.

The London weekly reports further that Moroccan workers in the rich Melilla ore mines receive about two shillings and sixpence daily wages. Out of more than 900,000 tons produced last

RENTS DIDN'T 'SKYROCKET'--UP ONLY $165

LOS ANGELES—Jan. 1 (FP).—Rents in suburban Beverly Hills, where decontrol became effective last Dec. 7, have jumped as much $165 a month, area rent director Ben C. Koepke reported here.

He said the soaring increases came shortly after a pre-decontrol pledge by the Beverly Hills Property Owners Assn. attorney that "rents definitely will not sky rocket."

Said Attorney Sylas S. Meyer: "They (rents) will be very much under the present current rate of property on which there have been no controls. It will have the effect of bringing rentals on these properties down, and therefore all will benefit."

Said Koepke: Average rent increase in cases rported from Beverly Hills is 79½ percent, or $2.12 a month. Increases ranged from $10.25 a month to $165, and in more than 100 cases (60 percent of those reported) landlords had "jumped the gun" to notify their tenants of increases. California law demands a 1-month notice period, he explained.

Most of the tenants refused to give their names, he said, because they feared reprisals from their landlords. Reports of rent gouging, he said, also are being received from such other Las Angeles suburbs as Pasadena, South Pasadena, Alhambra, El Monte and Pomona, for which Gov. Earl Warren (R) already has approved decontrol.

He has not yet signed similar orders for another dozen communities which completly ring this bulging metropolis of two million citizens. Here landlords already are pressing for a pre-decontrol vacancy survey.

Meanwhile, tenant groups reportedly are shaping demands that Warren rescind his decontrols at a special session of the legislature March 6.

Formosa

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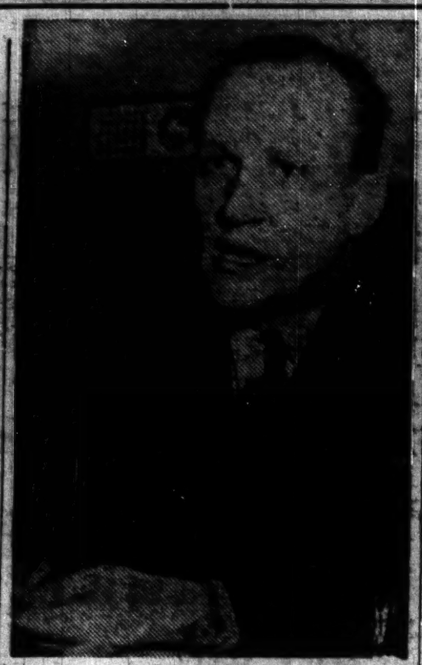
speculation which would show "undue concern with whether the Nationalists can hold the island," references which would indicate "important strategic significance or that the island is a political entity" and "statements that Formosa's final status is still to be determined by the Japanese peace treaty."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Cal) shortly before the State Department directive on Formosa was made known, demanded that the document be handed over to Congress.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 3.—Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) urged tonight that the United States and the Kuomintang occupy Formosa jointly to prevent its liberation by the Chinese People's republic.

Smith, who recently returned from the Far East where he talked with Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Chiang Kai-shek, spoke on the Rutgers University forum over radio stations WWAT and WCTC. Smith is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Smith also urged the U. S. to exert pressure on Britain and other countries not to recognize the Chinese People's Republic. He said he planned to recommend in the near future that conversations be held with K. C. Wu, Kuomintang governor of Formosa, regarding U. S. and Kuomintang occupation of the island.



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Rep. Walter H. Judd (R-Minn) called for a cut in economic aid to Britain if, as expected, the British recognize the Chinese People's Republic.

State Department press officer Michael J. McDermott said today that a new request for aid had been made by the Kuomintang ambassador Wellington Koo in a conference with Assistant secretary of State W. Walton Butterworth on Dec. 23.

He said Koo asked for military, political and economic advisers "with respect to assistance for Formosa."

Kuomintang Brass To Visit Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 3 (Telepress).—Gen. Tang En-po, Kuomintang deputy commander in southeast China, and two other high Kuomintang officials are scheduled to visit here before the end of the year, according to unconfirmed reports. Accompanying the party, it is reported, will be former Japanese Gen. Horoshi Nemoto who secretly went to Taiwan (Formosa) last July in connection with the recruitment of Japanese pilots and technicians into the Kuomintang forces. Thus presumably the Tang mission will seek extension of Japanese-American assistance to the Kuomintang remnants on Taiwan.

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LA Carpenters Get Injunction To Halt Ouster

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (FP).—Local 634, once the largest in the AFL Carpenters, succeeded through the courts here, in temporarily restraining its parent union from carrying out an order, upheld by another court only a few days earlier, to expel the local.

Attorney Ben Margolis won from Superior Court Judge Clarence M. Hanson a temporary restraining order prohibiting the international from interfering with local members' work rights or the local's property and funds.

Five days before, Superior Court Judge Robert Clifton had dissolved an identical order as he upheld the international's contention that the local had been expelled in accordance with the union's rules.

The international expelled five local leaders in October 1948, and ousted another five from office for life. Charges included "communistic" activities, "creating dissension" and conducting an improper election over a period of two days instead of one.

The local charges it is being persecuted for following a militant program regarding wages, hours and conditions.

Romans Shun Franco Envoy

ROME, Jan. 3 (Telepress).—The Italian people have given the cold shoulder to Franco Spain's Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Artajo who came to Italy ostensibly to attend the opening rites in the Vatican's "Holy Year."

Public opinion here is practically unanimous that the fascist minister's visit actually involved the planned Catholic International (Latin-Meditefranean Pact) as a step toward facilitating Spain's official entry into the Western bloc.

This objective was clearly admitted in an editorial of the Catholic Action organ, Il Quotidiano, which speaks semi-officially. "We would desire that this agreement were near," the Catholic Action organ states, "but reality tells us that the roads are still long and difficult."

The confession that the "roads are still long and difficult," must be credited to the firm opposition of the Communist and Socialist parties as well as to the fact that the De Gasperi Government is threatened with inevitable rupture should this flirtation with Franco lead to a political agreement of any sore.

The Catholic Action organ accused the Social Democrats and Republicans of neglecting their sense of "realpolitik" in opposing the Vatican policy of bringing Spain into the West bloc.

The recent anti-fascist demonstration in front of the Spanish Embassy by several hundred youths was widely approved.

Balk 'Imitation UE' Blitz at Westinghouse

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ning a vote for secession, from among those voting.

At least 200, however, abstained from voting. The union leadership, despite floor requests, refused to conduct a secret ballot.

Significantly, Weirzbie and his associates did not dare bring into this membership meeting Regional CIO Director Hugh Thompson or any other local CIO bigwig. They had become too discredited as a result of disastrous defeats suffered by labor in the Buffalo area, such as the Bell Aircraft fiasco and the National Carbon strike.

And so they had shipped up from New York a leading red-baiter, Jack Altman, an official of the virtually defunct International Union of Wholesale and Retail workers and part of the muddling, bureaucratic right wing clique that has run this international to the ground. Wierzbic and his brain-truster, one George Poole, figured the Buffalo workers would not know anything about Altman's union-wrecking record.

Altman virtually conceded that the movement to break the UE would make things tougher for the workers, but he pleaded with them to "get away from Moscow" even if it meant suffering and increased hardship.

The Daily Worker, the well known labor faker said, would not dare "print the truth" about that meeting.

Several rank-and-file members braved the hysteria, charged that the meeting was illegal, that the actions of the local leaders would cost the workers heavily, and that the company, for reasons of its own, was cooperating with the splitters.

UPHELD BY COURT

Their contention that the meeting was illegal was later upheld by the courts.

Following the meeting, the Carey stooges did a blackjack job on the workers in the shops to get them to sign a petition for a National Labor election which said the workers wanted the Imitation UE. The intimidation was terrific. Workers were made to understand that failure to sign immediately branded them as "Communists." All this was done on company time.

But the intimidation did not down the spirit of genuine unionism. Following the illegal "membership" meeitng, many workers approached the UE officials in the city and the rank-and-filers who had talked up against secession, and urged that something be done. Out of this, a rank-and-file meeting was called to uphold the UE. With 100 attending, a Committee of Eleven was chosen to save the union, and the necessary temporary apparatus set up to administer the contract.

The Committee is winning new support daily. Where there was no organized UE backing at the end of November, there is now a loyal UE group in every department of the shop. It is stimulating the workers to fight for settlement of grievances, and where militancy is shown, grievances are settled.

The company, for its own obvious reasons, prefers to do business with the right wing crowd. But even in departments where the Imitation UE steward holds sway, he is now forced to act on grievances by the activities of the Save-the-Union group, where formerly he failed to press them.

THEIR MISTAKE

In the eyes of most workers, the great mistake of the Imitation crowd is that it moved to disrupt the union before expiration of the contract on April 1. They do not yet understand fully the sell-out character of the Carey movement, and hence do not realize that the move for disruption was deliberate. But there is a steady, gradual shift toward the UE as the workers see who it is that backs the UE program against speed-up, fight for settlement of grievances and for wage improvement.

Within the Imitation UE, leadership deterioration is taking place. Despite the bitter struggle to take over the Union, the leaders could not even get a quorum at a stewards meeting in December. There is squabbling among the various groupings making up the leadership, and many Imitation UE supporters are becoming highly dissatisfied with its performance.

The Imitation UE situation is not helped by the fact that elsewhere in the Buffalo area, the UE membership is standing almost solidly behind the Union and winning new contracts with wage increases, while the CIO workers under right wing leadership have been taking one beating after another.

Appeal

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their briefs they could make their references to the pages of the typed transcript of the trial.

The printed record was scheduled to be filed with the court last week. But it was necessary to grant more time to prepare the typed record for the printers.

It is estimated the printed record will total more than 20,000 pages. Cost will be in excess of $60,000, with the major burden falling on the defense.

U. S. Prosecutor Irving H. Saypol said he had conferred with U. S. Attorney General Howard McGrath on strategy.

McGrath, he said, told him to press for an early hearing on the appeal and to get the case on before the Circuit Court's summer recess.

The judges, at the request of assistant prosecutor Gordon, ruled that the appeal would be rejected if the defense failed to file its brief by May 1.

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UE Splitters

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particular shops. The workers, through their solid opposition, were able to block these attempts. Now the company is counting on division and disruption.

Thus the workers' fight against union-splitting of the Imitation UE requires simultaneous, aggressive struggle against the company's drive to prevent worsening of conditions, for improved grievance machinery, an improved wage structure, a shorter work week to offset layoffs.

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Marcantonio

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told newsmen today he would call up first the national science foundation bill.

Marcantonio suggested that voters write or wire Rep. John Lesinski (D-Mich), chairman of the House Labor Committee, and Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY) urging immediate action on FEPC.

Meanwhile, said Marcantonio, inasmuch as the House has already passed the anti-polltax bill, the Senate should take this measure up at once and pass it without amendment, thus avoiding the necessity of time-consuming Senate-House conferences.

The fight for the rights of the Negro people cannot be limited to the civil rights bills however, Marcantonio said. At this point he was interrupted by a telephone call from Chicago. A Negro leader in that city wanted information about civil rights bills. Marcantonio answered his questions and resumed the interview.

"I maintain that all legislation making any substantial appropriation — be it for housing or anything else — must contain a provision barring discrimination on account of race creed or color," he said. He declared he would seek to attach a Marcantonio anti-discrimination amendment to every such bill at this session.

OTHER ISSUES

Aside from civil rights, Marcantonio said, he considered the major issues before the session to be peace, repeal of Taft-Hartley, housing and taxes.

Congress took a long step toward changing our form of government when it adopted the Smith Act in 1940, he said. "I intend to introduce and fight for a bill to repeal the Smith Act." It was under this bill that the 11 Communist leaders were convicted in the fall.

The issue of peace focuses now on China, particularly on Formosa, he stated. He acknowledged that he was disturbed by the mounting campaign for open military intervention in Chinese affairs, as represented by the inspired clamor for U.S. occupation of Formosa.

That can lead to war with China, a war we cannot win, and may light the torch of World War Three, he said. "The Chinese people have as much right to their revolution as we in this country had to our 1776." If President Truman does not call for diplomatic relations with Peking in his message on the state of the union tomorrow, Marcantonio will introduce a resolution memorializing Truman to recognize the real government of China, he added.

Referring to the demand of Herbert Hoover and Sen. Robert Taft (R-O) to send the U.S. Navy to Formosa, Marcantonio smiled.

"If it were not cruel and inhuman punishment to the Formosan people I would suggest sending—not the Navy—but Hoover and Taft to Formosa. Let us not forget that it was Hoover who in 1930 relegated American veterans to selling apples on street corners."

OPPOSES DRAFT

But war is not inevitable, Marcantonio said, and there can be peace if the American government recognizes that the peaceful coexistence of the "two worlds" is possible and desirable. Marcantonio added he would oppose the administration bill to extend the draft.

Leaders of the CIO and AFL have weakened the fight for Taft-Hartley repeal by their statements deferring action until 1951, Marcantonio said. But repeal, he added, is essential so that the trade unions may be unshackled and strong to meet the challenge of the gathering depression. He pointed out that he had introduced a bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and also a petition to force its consideration by the House. Petition number two is now on the Speaker's table, and when 218 House members sign it action must be taken, he said. (To date 76 members have signed the Marcantonio petition.)

He endorsed the move to reduce excise taxes. "They are a poor man's tax and ought to be repealed," he said.

A most important tax reform, however, he added, would be to raise the exemption on payroll withholding taxes. The exemption now is $600 for each dependent. A family of four, he said, should be exempt to an annual income of $3,500.

He said he would continue to press for the independence of Puerto Rico.

"I think the people have a chance of getting something out of this Congress," Marcantonio said in conclusion, "if they will speak up loudly enough. And then, if they fail, their fight will nevertheless have laid the basis for the election of a Congress next November which will be more responsive to the needs of the people."

'Life'

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phrase. That's **Life**'s concept of Negro life of half a century.

We might add that **Life**'s treatment of the Negro is not improved upon in its summation of other aspects of American life in the last 50 years.

The unfortunate who kicked in his 20 cents for the "special" issue got, along with the aforementioned, a full-page picture of Rudolph Valentino — dressed as "the great god Pan;" a full-page reproduction of an ad for a now defunct cigaret; a spread on the Hall Mills murder case.

The reader can search fruitlessly in this "Mid-Century Issue" for any accurate reference (in some instances, any reference at all) to the big things that happened to this country in a half-century of two world wars and a cataclysmic depression.

What he'll find instead, is a picture-story on Junius Shaw, hailed at his birth in 1901 as "the first child of the century." Baby Shaw grew up into a prosperous St. Louis businessman whose auto parts firm last year did $160,000 worth of business.

With an alert eye to the symbolism, **Life** magazine announces that the first child of the century grew up to "an average, happy life."

How lucky the reader of the year 2000 will be that **Life** (as now Luce-ly published) won't be around to explain a whole century of American life!

Militarizing

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likely that union leaders and members can be fired at will.

The second criteria denies access to military information to individuals who are "employed by, or subject to; the influence of a foreign government under circumstances which may jeopardize the security of the United States." The words "subject to" makes it possible for the military to rid industrial plants of every foreign-born worker in the land.

The third says access shall be denied an individual who "has actively advocated or supported the overthrow of the government of the United States by force and violence." It is apparent the military establishment will depend upon the wild tales of police spies and planted informers to frame workers on the same charges that were leveled against the 12 Communist leaders.

The use of this frame-up weapon against workers by Johnson and his powerful Munitions Board clique clearly establishes that the trial of the 12 Communist leaders was nothing more than a test run for a more widespread attack against the working class. After the conviction of the Communists was obtained through Judge Harold Medina, Johnson and his militarists lost no time in setting up their regulation against most industrial workers.

The fifth criteria says access will be denied an individual who "is mentally or emotionally unstable, or an habitual offender of the law, or does not possess the integrity, discretion and responsibility essential to the security of classified military information."

The military minds never thought of a greater catch-all than this one. Imagine the "integrity" of a scab and spy being accepted in the determination of a worker's integrity.

The last regulation states that access shall be denied an individual who "is or recently has been a member of, or affiliated or sympathetically associated with any group on the Attorney General's list of totalitarian, fascist, communist or subversive organizations." The courts have yet to figure out what "affiliated or sympathetically associated with" means. Congress has been unable to determine the precise meaning and application of the term found in the Mundt Bill, yet the military minds declare they have it down pat.

Added to this last criteria is a provision that "access to classified military information may be granted to a person having such membership if it is shown by more than a denial that the security interests of the United States will not be jeopardized." No one in the military establishment would say whether this was a means of persuading workers to become informers on the threat of otherwise losing their jobs. Yet, it is clear, no other meaning can be attached to the provision.

Dig Up Old Law To Return Negro To N. C. Lynchers

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 3.—A North Carolina lynch community, thanks to a helping hand from the office of Attorney General J. Howard McGraht, is renewing its attempt to return an innocent Negro farmer whose extradition has been rejected by the state of Ohio.

The case is that of Ira Costen, who was first kidnapped by the FBI in Lorain and finally released by court order.

In order to get around the legal procedure in Ohio, the federal authorities have invoked a federal statute of Removal Proceedings, a law akin to the fugitive slave act.

Costen was first charged with "attempt to rape," but there is no such law in North Carolina. The case is actually a move to dispossess him from his farm, where his white neighbors disapproved his economic advancement.

NEW INDICTMENT

With two attempts to extradite Costen failing, a federal grand jury in North Carolina returned an indictment which states that anyone who travels interstate "to avoid prosecution or custody or confinement after conviction" has committed a felony.

The indictment was sent to the United States Commissioner in the Cleveland District and a hearing will be conducted in the United States District Court Jan. 28.

It is questionable whether there is any appeal under the federal removal proceedings.

That the attorney general's office has revived this statute is a clear indication that the Truman administration is working hand in glove with the southern enemies of civil liberties, the Ohio Bill of Rights Conference declared.

The Conference asked that organizations and individuals send letters and telegrams of protest to Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, Washington, D. C., and Federal District Attorney Thomas A. Vzzell, Jr., Asheville, N. C.

It was also suggested that Ohio Congressmen be asked to intervene in Washington to force McGrath to halt the abuse of federal law.

The fraudulent nature of the "case" against Costen was fully exposed at the previous Cleveland hearings. The girl, who was the chief witness for the state of North Carolina, was mentally deficient.

The "attempt to rape" claim is based on a conversation Costen had with two of his neighbor's daughters, wherein he asked them if they would like to make some money by picking beans on his farm.

A North Carolina deputy sheriff made it plain in Cleveland that "we'll deal with Costen in our own way when we get him back." "Our own way" is the way of force and violence used against the Negro people.

Trenton Judge

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Dillon, who wanted to file a similar brief.

Gilray told the court that a special meeting of the Mercer County Bar Association, passed a resolution declaring the action against Judge Hutchinson "a matter of interest" to them.

According to information received, one member of the bar brought in a resolution which would have supported Hutchinson's summary action and condemned the lawyers whom he tried to remove from the case. It is known, however, that opposition sentiment caused the watering down of the resolution to simply expressing "interest."

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deliver his State of the Union message. After that, the Senate is scheduled to jump into an expected filibuster over a bill repealing taxes on oleomargerine.

The House, Rayburn said, would begin consideration of the science foundation bill when the legislative program is completed within the next few days.

Rayburn said, however, that the House would not begin any action on taxes until the House Ways and Means Committee has "reviewed the whole tax structure." He said the administration had no intention of dealing with taxes on a piecemeal basis. He would not say what kind of action was contemplated.

The Republicans, through House minority leader Joseph Martin (R-Mass) and Rep. Daniel Reed ((R-N.Y.) shot two blasts at Truman for "excessive spending" and high taxes. Reed said a billl he was introducing constituted the Republican's views on a tax program. It called for lowered taxes for the rich and meager revisions for low-income taxpayers.

At the same time, Rep. Walter Judd (R-Minn) leveled another GOP attack at U. S. foreign policy which, he said, is supporting Britain which is not supporting U. S. plans in the Far East. He called for an end to aid to Britain unless that nation knuckles down and refuses to recognize the Chinese People's Government.

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WQXR—Piano Personalities
9:45-WNBC—Doctor's Office
WCBS—Missus Goes A-Shopping
WQXR—Composer's Varieties
10:00-WNBC—Welcome Travelers
WOR—Henry Gladstone
WJZ—My True Story
WCBS—Bing Crosby Show
WQXR—Morning Melodies
10:15-WOR—Martha Deane Program
WCBS—Arthur Godfrey Show
10:30-WNBC—Marriage for Two
WJZ—Betty Crocker Magazine
WNYC—Health Talk
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WJZ—Victor H. Lindlahr
11:00-WOR—News
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WNYC—Headlines in Chemistry
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WOR—Tello Test
11:30-WNBC—Jack Berch
WOR—The Menjous
WJZ—Quiz Program
WCBS—Grand Slam
WQXR—Along the Danube
11:45-WNBC—Lora Lawton
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WQXR—Luncheon Concert

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—News Roundup
WOR—Kate Smith
WJZ—Houseparty
WCBS—Wendy Warren
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert
WNYC—Midday Symphony
12:15-WNBC—Norman Brokenshire
WCBS—Aunt Jenny
12:25-WJZ—Walter Kiernan
12:30-WCBS—Helen Trent
WOR—News Reports
WJZ—News; Herb Sheldon
12:45-WCBS—Our Gal Sunday
WOR—Luncheon at Sardi's
1:00-WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride
WCBS—Big Sister
WJZ—News
1:15-WJZ—Nancy Craig Program
WCBS—Ma Perkins—Sketch
1:30-WCBS—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch
WOR—Hollywood Theatre
1:45-WCBS—The Guiding Light—Sketch
WNYC—Weather Report; News
2:00-WNBC—Double or Nothing
WJZ—Breakfast in Hollywood
WOR—Second Honeymoon
WNYC—Famous New Yorkers
WCBS—Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR—News; Record Reviews
2:15-WCBS—Perry Mason
2:30-WNBC—Today's Children
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WCBS—Nora Drake
WNYC—Symphonic Matinee
WQXR—Curtain at 2:30
2:45-WNBC—Light of the World—Sketch
WCBS—The Brighter Day
WQXR—Musical Memory Game
3:00-WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Buddy Rogers Show
WCBS—David Harum
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
3:15-WNBC—Road of Life
WCBS—Hilltop House
3:30-WNBC—Pepper Young
WCBS—Gary Moore Show
WJZ—Hannibal Cobb
WOR—Happiness Exchange
3:45-WNBC—Right to Happiness
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4:30-WNBC—Lorenzo Jones
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WJZ—Patt Barnes
5:00-WNBC—When a Girl Marries
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10:30—On Trial. WJZ.

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9:00—Televison Theatre. WNBT.
9:30—Boxing (St. Nick's). WCBS.

WQXR—Record Review
5:30-WNBC—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Tom Mix, Sketch
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WCBS—Hits and Misses, Quiz
WQXR—Cocktail Time
5:45-WNBC—Front-Page Farrell

EVENING

6:00-WOR—Lyle Van
WJZ—News
WCBS—Eric Sevareid
WQXR—Music to Remember
6:15-WNBC—Sports
WOR—On the Century
WJZ—Allen Prescott
6:30-WNBC—Wayne Howell Show
WOR—News
6:45-WNBC—Three Star Extra
WOR—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Johnny Thompson Show
WCBS—Lowell Thomas
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WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
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WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News; Keyboard Artists
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WCBS—Jack Smith, Variety
WJZ—Elmer Davis
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7:30-WNBC—Guy Lombardo
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WCBS—Club 15—Variety
WJZ—Lone Ranger
WQXR—Jaques Fray
7:45-WOR—I Love a Mystery
WCBS—Edward Murrow, News
8:00-WNBC—This Is Your Life
WOR—Can You Top This
WJZ—Dr. I. Q., Quiz
WCBS—Mr. Chameleon
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:30-WNBC—The Great Gildersleeve
WOR—Boston Blackie
WCBS—Dr. Christian
WNYC—Mind Over Music
WJZ—Sherlock Holmes
9:00-WNBC—Break the Bank
WCBS—You Bet Your Life
WOR—Mr. Feathers
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9:30-WNBC—Mr. District Attorney
WJZ—Boxing Matches
WOR—Family Theatre
WCBS—Bing Crosby Show
WQXR—Let's Celebrate
10:00-WNBC—Big Story—Sketch
WJZ—Lawrence Walk Show
WOR—Frank Edwards
WCBS—Burns and Allen Show
WQXR—Opera Preview
10:15-WOR—Newsreel
10:30-WNBC—Curtain Time
WCBS—Lum and Abner
WQXR—Melodies of Old Vienna
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Around the Dial:

Mr. Murrow's Choices for The Year We Left Behind

By Bob Lauter

CBS REPORTER Edward R. Murrow has given his listeners his own list of "nominations" for various mythical awards for the late year of 1949. Some of these were tongue-in-cheeck, others serious.

He chooses Elmer Davis as "the broadcaster who has consistently talked as much or more sense than anyone else on radio." If I were in the nominating business, I would change the word "sense" to "nonsense," and let the choice stand. Actually the honors for the broadcaster who talked "as much or more sense than anyone else on radio" would go to the UE's Arthur Gaeth, and to Johannes Steel, although Steel's program has had a much shorter tenure on the air.

It is only from Gaeth, incidentally, that the American listener has been able to get any understanding at all of the recent events in the CIO, and the meaning of the attempts to wreck the UE.

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Murrow also proposed a 1949 for "patience and fortitude." This, as anyone might guess, went to Judge Harold Medina. Medina, you see, how has a patent on the word "patient." He has been billed in his judicial burlesque act as the long-suffering and "patient" man, and we can shortly expect him to be advertised as Harold (Patient) Medina, just as we might read of Bela (Dracula) Lugosi.

Our apologies to Mr. Lugosi.

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Another of Mr. Murrow's nominations includes "Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio as the hardest working Senator in Wshington or Ohio."

Perhaps he is. But these "choices of the year" always leave out the most important fact. It is, for instance, much more important to know what Sen. Taft has been working so hard at, than simply to be informed he has been working hard.

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Mr. Eric Johnston, spokesman for the child-minds of Hollywood, and firm believer in saving capitalism through ballyhoo, is beginning to over-reach himself a little. Eric Sevareid, of CBS, reports Johnston's testimony before a House Judiciary sub-committee, and quotes him as saying: "In Moscow, they had an old newsreel of a packing house strike. The audience wasn't so much impressed that a cop beat up a worker, but when the worker fell down and the picture revealed that he had on good shoes, that was impressive."

How come there's no mass movement in Moscow, no surge of workers shouting, "Shoe us and beat hell out of us?"

Maybe Mr. Johnston knows.

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NOBODY CAN SAY that radio is not a politically sensitive instrument. The speed with which the politically "right" guy gets the build-up is nothing short of amazing.

When Mike Quill began his career as a red-baiter and a professional anti-Communist, he suddenly found the airwaves wide open and he got a warm welcome where, not very long before, the doors would have been locked.

And when Earl Browder turned renegade, radio suddenly accepted him as a "Communist" spokesman while barring practically every genuine Communist from the airwaves.

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LATEST AMONG these new "stars" of radio is Joe Curran of the NMU. The build-up, I suspect, has only begun, but since he has been billed as a man who "recently emerged victorious in the National Maritime Union dispute over Communism," we may be sure that he has an illustrious career ahead of him as a broadcaster.

Curran has already appeared as the guest of Chairman Dwight Cooke on the CBS Cross-Section, U. S. A. and on WOR-Mutual's Meet the Press.

His politics now has qualified him to throw pies on Truth Or Consequences, or to let down his hair on We, the People.

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CURRAN COULD probably whip up a program of his own today. I'm sure that if he went to an agency and offered a program, such as Joe Curran and His Singing Goons, he'd get a sponsor without half trying.

Around the Dial, Bob Lauter's column on radio, appears every day in the Daily Worker.

MOVIE GUIDE

•• *Excellent* • *Good*

•• THE YOUNG GUARD. Gerasimov's film about a Komsomol group during the war, perhaps the best Soviet film since the war. Manhattan—Stanley.
•• THE BICYCLE THIEF. Another fine film by Vittorio De Sica, the maker of Shoe Shine. Manhattan—World Theatre.
•• FAME IS THE SPUR. An acutely drawn portrait of a British Party misleader, with a complex, studied performance by Michael Redgrave. Manhattan—Little CineMet.
•• THE HEIRESS. William Wyler's fine film of the play based on James' Washington Square, with Olivia de Havilland, Montgomery Clift. Brooklyn—Paramount.
•• HENRY THE FIFTH. The Laurence Olivier version of the Shakespeare historical drama. Manhattan—Thalia.
•• SHOE SHINE. A fine Italian film about two orphaned boys of Rome. Manhattan—55th Street Playhouse.
• ON THE TOWN. The movie version of the famous Broadway musical. Manhattan—Music Hall.
• RED SHOES. Distinguished by a fine ballet sequence. Manhattan—Bijou.
• QUARTET. Four polished and witty stories of Somerset Maugham cleverly done. Manhattan—Broadway Embassy.
• DEVIL IN THE FLESH. A tragic story of two young lovers incapable of escaping the mesh of bourgeois conventions in which they're caught. Manhattan—Paris Theatre.
• ALL THE KING'S MEN. Shallow and inconclusive, but Robert Rossen's direction makes this story of a Huey Long exciting to watch. Manhattan—Victoria.
• ADAM'S RIB. A bunch of good performers make some hilarious moments of the Gordon-Kanin script. Manhattan—Capitol.
• TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND. A charming little comedy about a Scotch island that runs out of whiskey. Manhattan—60th St. Trans Lux.
• BATTLE OF THE RAILS. A documentary style film about the resistance of the French railroad workers. Manhattan—Apollo.
GIVE US THIS DAY. An unsatisfying film version of Christ in Concrete, with Sam Wanamaker and Lea Padovani. Manhattan—Rialto.
FALLEN IDOL. Carol Reed's direction may make this unmotivated melodrama worth seeing. Manhattan—Sutton Theater.
BATTLEGROUND. Slick and glib, partly redeemed by some humor of the Yank magazine type. Manhattan—Astor.
•• THE QUIET ONE. Despite a narrow psychological approach, a beautifully filmed, sympathetic study of a Harlem child, on the same bill with the German Marriage in the Shadows. Manhattan—Irving Place.
• MAJOR BARBARA. A revival of the film version of the famous Shaw play, with Rex Harrison, Wendy Hiller. Manhattan—Gramercy, Trans-Lux [illegible] St., Beacon.

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TOKYO JOE. Bogart says Japanese fascists and Communists are in cahoots.
THE RED DANUBE. Dreary slander about the Soviet Union's policy in Austria.

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Hollywood:

Trade Paper Raps Mindszenty Film

By David Platt

HOLLYWOOD REPORTER (Dec. 29) attacked **Guilty of Treason**, anti-Hungarian film whitewash of the self-confessed traitor Mindszenty, as "a cheap and trashy melodrama, abounding in the worst Hollywood cliches." The trade paper, which usually red-baits and is by no means unfriendly to the Mindszenty propagandists, attributed the "'cheap plot" to "the typewriter of its author, Emmet Lavery, who writes his script down to the mentality of the traditional 12-year-old." The paper adds: His screenplay contrives an unrealistic romance between a Hungarian piano teacher and a Russian officer. The tried and true character of the American newspaperman, using 'Front Page' methods in Budapest, is the stereotyped hero. And the locale, just as it has been in spy pictures for years, is the outdoor cafe where conspirators hatch plots over cafe schlag." What particularly riled **The Reporter** was that Lavery "asks the audience to understand the whole Mindszenty story from two scenes, an inquisition and a trial sequence. The rest of the 85 minutes is utilized for a romantic essay that may be found 52 times a year on the lower half of any double bill."

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WHAT THESE two scenes with Mindszenty consisted of the **Reporter** did not say. But this much we know about **Guilty of Treason**. Lavery's screenplay accuses the "Russians" of using torture and drugs to make the Cardinal confess that he was working for the violent overthrow of the Hungarian people's government. But CBS correspondent Howard K. Smith's recent book **State of Europe** says Mindszenty's torture chamber turned out, on an eye-witness' account, to have been a rather well-heated and spacious cell; that the drug Actedron supposed to have been administered to the Cardinal turned out to be Benzedrine, "which you can buy at the corner druggist's and it won't make you tell either truth of falsehood"; that "it seems obvious that Cardinal Mindszenty was neither drugged nor tortured."

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LAVERY'S FILM also asserts that Mindszenty was persecuted because as a true Hungarian patriot who was on the side of the little people and democracy, he came into conflict with the "Soviet's anti-democratic forces." This lie is neatly demolished in Smith's book, which points out that Mindszenty "almost invariably" threw the tremendous weight of the Catholic Church on the side of the magnates.

In fact, Smith recalls that when "between the wars, the aged prelate Monsignor Janos Hock was thrown into prison by the magnate government for preaching pro-democratic sermons," there was not one word of protest from the Cardinal. However, when the People's Government was established, Mindszenty refused to sanction new school texts to replace the "extremely chauvinistic history books" of the Horthy regime "which were a direct provocation to Hungarian children to hate their neighbors. . . ."

Smith concludes from the facts as he saw them that Mindszenty was guilty as charged.

But Emmet Lavery stood the facts on their head. The result, as we predicted from the outset, is, even by the standards of the anti-Communist **Hollywood Reporter**, "a cheap and trashy melodrama abounding in the worst Hollywood cliches."

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PRODUCTION CODE Administrator Joseph Breen has given 20th Century Fox permission to introduce in the movie **War Paint** an affair between an Indian women and her white lover which is consummated in marriage. Breen ruled that the bar on intermarriage applies only to love affairs between Negroes and whites. As Don Pollet observes in the new issue of **Film Sense** (ASP Film Division monthly), that explains why Pinky's affair with the white doctor had to end abnormally in their decision to separate.

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MOTION PICTURE HERALD (Dec. 24) raps the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures for picking a foreign film, the **Italian Bicycle Thief**, as the best of the year and for including only four Hollywood films in its list of ten best. **The Herald**, which is the chief spokesman for the movie magnates, feels strongly that the board has betrayed its supporters, the American producers who pay $6.25 per reel for permission to stamp their pictures "approved by the National Board of Review."

But if the **Herald's** editors were to examine its own "Letters to the **Herald**" column on page 8 of the same issue containing the attack on the National Board, they would find there the answer as to why only four Hollywood films were good enough to make the list of 10 best, none good enough to be No. 1 of the year.

Almost every letter is a cry from the exhibitor that business is slipping because Hollywood films are getting worse. Thus a Philadelphia exhibitor writes: "Produce better motion pictures to overcome the growing competition of television."

R. Leskanic, Ritz Theatre, Garefild, N. J., gets this off his chest: "What's on my mind? Well, to be frank, the rapid drop in attendance at all motion picture theatres. I have heard and seen some of the distressing pictures which are coming out of Hollywood today. It's the same old story they are using, or plot. They should come up with something different or attendance in movie houses will fall way below par."

From William Cornwell, Roy's Theatre, Blairstown, N. J.: "From some of the pictures I've had to see in the last year or so, I'm beginning to wonder if the studios know how a star is made. It looks as if they are after the quick dollar and not a steady income."

Emmit Vallario, Capitol Theatre, Lawrence, Mass., writes: "Better movies will bring bigger profits. You cannot fool the public with inferior material especially now when the dollar is again beginning to mean a lot to people."

Books:

Remarkable Photographs in Book on Ecuador Indians

By Robert Friedman

THE AWAKENING VALLEY of John Collier, Jr's and Anibal Buitron's book is the home of the Otovalo Indians in the Ecuadorian Andes. The book is a record, primarily in stunning photographs, of the life, habitat and folkways of the Otovalo Indians. Of the authors, Buitron is an Ecuadoran anthropologist and native of the town of Otovalo, while Collier is a free-lance American photographer.

> **THE AWAKENING VALLEY**, by John Collier Jr., and Anibal Buitron. University of Chicago Press. Chicago. 199 pp. $6.

The unique quality of the Otovalo Indians, we are told, is that they alone, among the oppressed and impoverished Indian communities of Ecuador, have been able to break through the rigid national pattern which prescribes either serfdom or peonage for their people. The Otovalos were among the few Indian communities which were able to hold on to their land despite the Spanish conquest, perhaps because theirs was high in the mountains, while the indolent conqueror preferred the more fertile valleys below. But the Otovalos, by extreme self-exploitation of the youngest to the eldest, by labor from dawn to dusk, have not only held on to their own, but year in and year out, painfully saved in order to reclaim, by purchase, their ancestral lands.

Moreover, in the last 30 years, the Otovalo Indians have allegedly opened new vistas by becoming successful merchants as well as craftsmen, weaving cottons and woolens sold widely in Colombia and Venezuela. Because of this development, the authors tell us, the Otovalo Indians are broadening their cultural as well as industrial horizons. In the vitality of the Otovalos and their fellow-Indians, and not in the dominant but decadent white ruling class of Ecuador lies the hope of the country, they declare. "The growth of Ecuador must be the growth of the Indians; as long as they are held in subjugation, the cultural and economic progress of the land will be retarded."

THE AWAKENING VALLEY is an interesting book for its truly remarkable photographs.

But, while the Otovalo Indians are presented as a remarkable story, their progress to the status of small landholders, manufacturers and traders (among whom wealth distinctions have existed and can only become more marked) can in no way be argued as a practical precedent for all the Indians of Ecuador and South America, as the authors have done. Moreover, although the authors are extremely vague about giving specific data on living standards and the economy of the Otovalos, the photographs themselves indicate that theirs is still a backward and difficult existence.

Neither the example of the Otovalos, nor the iron, self-seeking rule of the wealthy triumvirate of church, landowners and military offer the possibility that advancement of the Ecuador Indian can be achieved without genuine social upheaval.

The subtitle of The Awakening Valley calls it "the photographic record of a social miracle among the Indians of Ecuador." The very use of the term "miracle" underscores the unreality of generalizations based on the experience of the Otovalos. Moreover, the authors, in photographs and text alike, have candidly described the tight grip of superstition and clerical claptrap on the culture of the Otovalos. Their first steps into the world of private enterprise may mean greater sophistication, but only the inevitable coming of socialism holds the promise of destruction of the ideological as well as the material fetters which bind the Indian masses of Ecuador.

Masses & Mainstream's February Issue to Mark Negro History Week

TO MARK Negro History Week, the February issue of the Marxist cultural monthly, Masses & Mainstream, will be devoted to various phases of the life and culture of the Negro people.

Among the articles scheduled to appear are the following: Herbert Aptheker writer on the history of white chauvinism with particular reference to the struggle against it within various progressive movements of the past.

Abner Berry, editor of the Harlem edition of **The Worker**, analyzes present-day Negro leadership and discusses key aspects of this question.

Phillip Bonosky, the well-known short-story writer, reports on the case of the Trenton Six and new developments therein.

Lloyd L. Brown discusses the whole complex question of the relationship of language to white chauvinism.

Barbara Giles, author of **The Gentle Bush**, offers a critique of the work of the Southern novelist, William Faulkner.

Alphaeus Hunton, secretary of the Council on African Affairs, describes and analyzes the present struggles of the peoples of Africa for liberation from imperialist exploitation.

V. J. Jerome, editor of **Political Affairs**, writes on Hollywood and the Negro question discussing in particular the recent films, **Lost Boundaries, Pinky, Home of the Brave, and Intruder in the Dust.**

Charles White, the distinguished Negro artist, has contributed four magnificent drawings inspired by Negro history.

An American document of key importance will appear, consisting of a speech delivered in 1946 by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, whose 82d birthday will be celebrated in February. The paper discusses the great significance of the Black Belt and the land question in the battle for Negro liberation and the relationship of that effort to the world-wide struggle for peace and democracy.

Last year, M & M's February issue sold out within a few days of its appearance and reorders aggregating several thousand were received which could not be filled. It is urged that individuals and organizations place their orders now so that they will be sure to obtain a copy of the February, 1950 **Masses & Mainstream.**

Theatre

Margaret Webster and her managing director, Edward Choate, are now booking their Shakespeare company in a new repertoire in conjunction with S. Hurok for the season 1950-51.

This year's national tour of the Webster troupe will depart from a strictly Shakespearean program by presenting Bernard Shaw's **St. Joan** along with a new production **A Midsumer Night's Dream** and a repeat of this season's **Taming of the Shrew.** National repertory rights to **St. Joan** have been acquired by Miss Webster directly from the sage of Ayot St. Lawrence. Miss Webster is now in process of preparing a production of Mr. Shaw's **The Devil's Desciple** for the Maurice Evans season at the City Center.

While originally designed to carry the classics to colleges and other way stations off the beaten path of touring attractions the Webster productions are in such demand by regular theatergoers that next year out of a season of 30 weeks only 16 will be played for student audiences. The other 14 weeks are being booked in regular theatres in leading cities throughout the country.

Miss Webster and Mr. Choate also announce that they are combining the interests of the Webster touring company with those of Michael Linenthal and his Woodstock Playhouse in Woodstock, N. Y. Mr. Linenthal's season from July through August next summer will be operated under the direction of Miss Webster and will present her company in plays from their repertoire, interspersed between productions of other dramas by both modern and classic playwrights.

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William R. Katzell and Ray Golden announce that their musical revue **Alive and Kicking** will have its Broadway premiere at the Winter Garden on Tuesday evening, Jan. 17.

Jack Cole is the principal dancer in **Alive and Kicking** for which he provided the choreography, and David Burns, Lenore Lonergan, Jack Gilford and Carl Reiner are among its stellar personalities.

Betty George, the young singer who has recently been appearing regularly in the Salute to Cole Porter show, joins the cast of the National Comapny of Kiss Me Kate, the Cole Porter-Sam and Bella Spewack musical hit at the Shubert Theatre in Chicago on Sunday evening, Jan. 15, to play the role of Bianca. Last year, Miss George sang in As the Girls Go.

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The Stamp of Greatness

Here was the test. LIU had come into Monday night's game with Muhlenberg with a comfortable feeling. It was between the biggies, Western Kentucky behind and Bowling Green ahead (Thursday). The Mules from Allentown, Pa., were fast and classy, but didn't have the height to combat the club now being called New York's, and perhaps the nation's best.

An early 9-0 lead lent to the feeling of security. Then Muhlenberg rolled into high gear with a scrappy, ball stealing, upsetting game, a sizzling fast break and uncanny marksmanship from outside. By halftime the Garden was in an uproar, with cheers for the visitors spurred by the big busloads of fans from Allentown, and beseeching "Come on, LIU's" from the Brooklynites adherents.

It seemed all over but the upset headlines after eight minutes of the second half had gone by. The sizzling Mules led 46-33, an apparently insurmountable lead. Big Herb Scherer, who had scored 15 in the first half, was saddled with four fouls. Here was the test of greatness. Did LIU really have it?

From that point to the end of the game Clair Bee's magnificent, spirited band of basketeers scored 36 to Muhlenberg's 12 in the most exciting exhibition of the season, and won going away, 69-58.

Balding Adolph Bigos was an unstoppable rebounder clearing the defensive board and driving the team up with him. Scherer, and the brilliant White whittled away at the lead. Then catastrophe apparently struck as Scherer was whistled out on a 5th foul, a dubious call by Burns, who didn't seem too sharp in his first game.

But LIU could no longer be stopped. Little Eddie Gard, who rarely scores, flashed all the way under for a spectacular layup, then, with Bigos still clearing the defensive board like mad, Gard took advantage of the double teaming of Sherman White to pop in a set shot which tied the score. Then he shot through and fed off to Murtha, the rarely used 6-5 junior who came in for Scherer, and the latter flipped it home to put LIU ahead. Then Murtha scored again.

It was a thrilling rally. Muhlenberg's scrappy band counter-charged to within three points and Bigos stole a ball, fed ahead to Smith, who had had a poor night, and Leroy drove all the way through. When Muhlenberg started pressing, the smoothly implacable White killed them dead with three more baskets. He had 27 points. What an All American.

And what a basketball team has the little Brooklyn school this year. They're more than just good. They're tough. And resilient. They're my tourney team. — L.R.

Ohio Was Best We Met--Cal Coach

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 3 (UP).—Big, pleasant Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf today struck the chord that his California team lost to Ohio State in the Rose Bowl, 17-14, because it made mistakes and the critics agreed with the white-haired coach.

But, said Waldorf, even in defeat California proved that West Coast football was on the upgrade. And Ohio State coach Wes Fesler went even farther by saying the California team could hold its own with any football squad in the land.

"I'm not ashamed of my team," Waldorf boomed to assembled sports writers in the dressing room yesterday after the game. "But your punting game has to be sound if you're going to win games. Ours wasn't. Ohio State is a good, strong football team," he said. "They were the best we met this year and deserved to win."

Fesler termed the game one of the most sensational in his experience and said the victory was something he had dreamed about just like "every kid and every coach dreams of winning a Rose Bowl game."

Fesler said it was a team victory and he refused to single out any individual for more praise than any other member of the team. He did say, however, that the Buckeyes' quick fullback thrusts down the middle "did a lot of good."

The Ohio State coach agreed with Waldorf that California proved western football was on a par with that in other sections.

"California could hold its own with any football team in the country. It was the hardest-hitting handoff T-formation team we met all season."

Coaches and newspapermen also said that California's mistakes gave Ohio State the breaks it needed to win. Frankie Albert, famed quarterback of the San Francisco '49ers commented:

"The breaks in Ohio's favor were a blocked kick, an intercepted pass and a bad pass from center. None of the Buckeyes scores came as a result of sustained drives."

Pro football coach Ray Flaherty credited the Ohio State defense with setting up the three breaks

"But," concluded Waldorf, "we're creeping up on the Big Ten. Next year's Coast team ought to get at least a tie in the Rose Bowl."

Button '49's Top Amateur

Dick Button of Englewood, N.J., 19-year-old World and Olympic figure skating champion, yesterday was named winner of the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete for 1949.

The selection of Button marked the first time in its 20-year history that the coveted amatuer trophy ever was awarded to a winter-sport athlete.

Button, now a sophomore at Harvard, received 134 first place votes in the Amateur Athletic Union's nationwide poll of 426 sports authorities. He received 947 points out of a possible 2,130

The award is made annually to "the amateur athlete who, by performance, example and good influence did the most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship during the year."

Runnerup in the balloting was Joe Verdeut of Philadelphia, regarded as the world's leading all-around swimmer, who attracted 91 first place votes, 72 seconds and 74 thirds for a total of 745 points.

Following Verdeur in order were: Jim Fuchs of Chicago, Yale's world record-holding shotputter; Fred Wilt of New York, the nation's outstanding distance runner; Doris Hart of Miami, women's national singles tennis runnerup; Barbara Jenson of San Francisco, women's backstroke swimming star, and Allen Stack of Hingham, Mass., 1948 Olympic backstroke swimming champion from Yale.

PRO STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION					
Syracuse	25	4	Boston	11	18
New York	21	12	Baltimore	11	20
Washington	14	15	Philadelphia	10	20
CENTRAL DIVISION					
Rochester	19	8	Chicago	21	12
Minneapolis	21	10	Ft. Wayne	18	11
St. Louis	14	16			
WESTERN DIVISION					
Anderson	18	10	Tri City	9	19
Indianapolis	18	12	Waterloo	7	23
Sheboygan	11	15	Denver	3	27

REESE OPERATED ON FOR HERNIA

Dodger shortstop Peewee Reese underwent a completely successful operation for an inguinal hernia yesterday at Louisville, his home, the Brooklyn front office revealed. He had been bothered periodically through last season, especially afield in getting a fast start. He will be ready to report March 1 for spring training.

Court Notes

Comebacking NYU will have no easier game this year than the 87-39 massacre of Dartmouth Monday. It was a combination of the Hanover club's ineptness and the reviving power of a good, shotmaking NYU club, led by Becker, Kaufman and Brasco, which has some surprises in its locker. . . . Thursday's game with Temple is a real test. The Owls whipped St. Joes Monday 61-53. They have a good man in 6-7 Borsavage. . . . Touring Columbia must have looked good beating Oregon 74-62, with Azary scoring 28 and Sherry Marshall, regaining form, 12. Lions might win that Ivy thing after all. . . . Big Ten race started with Wisconsin whipping champ Illinois 59-50. Other teams take off Saturday night. —It's a five team toss-up. . . . Unbeaten Duquesne got a 59-54 scare from Rutgers. . . . Bradley rebounded from Kentucky defeat to rip Ohio State 65-46, some score against a Big Ten power. . . . La Salle, still a dangerous tourney contender, knocked off Western Kentucky surprisingly 80-69. . . . Bowling Green, LIU's next, walloper supposedly strong Brigham Young 75-50. BG's annually get very tough around this time after early losses. . . . Loyola of Chi, CCNY's next, beat Utah 58-52. . . . Denver, which didn't even make LIU sweat, trounced Wyoming 54-41.

Track's Here!

The lid pops on the 1950 indoor track season tonight with the annual Metropolitan AAU open meet at the 102nd Engineers Armory

Feature race of the night will bring six noted runners to the mark in the John J. Deignan Memorial 600. It's a wide open race among Herbert McKenley, world record-holder at 400 meters and 440 yards outdoors, Frank Fox, IC4A 440 and 600 champion, Reggie Pearman, former IC4A and AAU champion and current Metropolitan titleholder, Phil Thigpen, IC4A

on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

You Can Have It—All of It

YOUNG CARMINE VINGO is improving and is given "much better than a 50-50 chance to live," which is good news. Yet there were 18 ring deaths in this country in 1949. There's a lot of rationalizing about there being danger in all sports, even in crossing the street, etc. But the sight of a helpless young man being nearly bludgeoned to death before 13,000 seated witnesses in a big, lighted arena jolts one back to a realization that often dulls for one who sees and reports too many prize fights. Fighting is really a hell of a way to try to make a living. When the sports writer is all finished with his fashioning of stories and columns, the fact still remains that two men were standing in a little square ring pounding each other, pounding the brain, sight and health out of each other as effectively as possible. Any punch is a potential death dealer, though the intent to kill is furthest of all from these earnest contestants.

How far really since the fifth century, when Greeks and Romans pounded each other with the thonged and weighted caestus, studded with points of iron? Sure, today there is a glove, rules, ringside doctors. But the muscled fist inside the glove also gashes the features, draws blood from nose and mouth and cuts around the eyes. It smashes nose cartilage, sometimes through accumulation blinds the eyes, and—as we see—kills.

Yes, there is skill and excitement in the boxer who avoids punishment like a matador, but the Benny Leonards are rare and getting rarer. And, because this is all for money, for a living, and not really for sport, the skilled ones keep fighting when the skill has gone and they they, too, begin to get it. Do you remember the paunchy Leonard, long after his retirement, "coming back" and being punched freely by rough young antagonists who wouldn't have hit him in the backside in his prime?

Yes, there are the few like Joe Louis, who become so tremendously outstanding against the field, so fully master of all the fistic arsenal that their very offensive perfection becomes a defense and they go through their prime without serious damage or even markings. But, you tell me, how many Joe Louises were there and are there? And if the buzzards get the 35-year-old Louis back into the ring this summer, I would have to expect the younger, springier Ezzard Charles to deal out some unaccustomed punishment to the shell of a once peerless champ.

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ALWAYS AT RINGSIDE I have been disturbed by the faces of those in the expensive seats. They are the same, the impassive, big-cigar-smoking, the furred and jeweled, with no feeling for the athletes. Elsewhere in the house is a mixture, true, and the cheaper the seats get the more ordinary workers, neighborhood fans of the fighters, human beings, do you find. The unanswered cry of "How's Vingo?" came from the gallery.

So it was in the 18th century Britain, as civilization had advanced to the point where bare knuckles, not caestus, were the weapons of skull cracking. Fist fighting then was openly and undisguisedly the plaything of the noblemen and the wealthy. They were the bloodthirsty patrons of the hired battlers. History relates that the fighter Draughton, when beaten, turned to his backer, the Duke of Cumberland, and moaned, "I can't see my man, your highness. I'm blind—not beaten."

Advancing civilization in New York State once outlawed the ugly business of punching and being punched for the profit of leeches who cared little or nothing for the health of the fighters (and if they cared could do little about it because they were grabbing against others for the dough). It was the tin box glamor man, Mayor Jimmy Walker, who brought it back here. There's lots of dough in it, and some respectable sounding commission jobs for the Governor to allocate. Meanwhile young men like Vingo come out of their corners for the sixth round out on their feet and are crashed down to thump their dangling heads cruelly on the hard boards under the thin canvas of the Garden ring. Foam rubber is expensive.

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BEFORE THE WAR I used to be much more uneasy watching the men hit each other on the head. I used to think of what a doctor told me, that each such punch started a minute hemorrhage inside, that every knockdown was actually a concussion of the brain. After serving in the medics and coming back I found I could watch it without such thoughts, for after all here were only two guys punching each other and they were lucky that they weren't torn by a knee mortar shell. Maybe that reaction is wearing away now, too. Maybe it was the sight of Vingo's pitiful courage and blood-smeared exhaustion, his senseless sagging when they tried to make him walk.

I know there are many more important and better organized cruelties to get excited about. But for me, I don't care if I never saw another prize fight with the managers, handlers and leeches in the corner and the fat rich in the nearby pews looking for lots of blood. I don't like it. Maybe some day when the filthy buck isn't the almighty thing corrupting and degrading everything it touches, when there is real supervision of youngsters who enjoy sparring and boxing for the sport of it, it might be better. I don't know.

The rebuttal to a piece like this is always that for the kids without much of a chance in "real life," the brutal and sordid ring often holds the only hope of making some dough, of giving them some outlook to express their possibilities. The trouble with this argument is that it's often too near the truth. And no compliment to the society they call free enterprise going into the second half of the 20th century.